Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: 1/16/2019
Re: In Support of Governor Bergum’s Proposal for Challenge Fund Grant Allocation

Whereas, the University of North Dakota and its students serve as a chief opportunity engine for the state of North Dakota, and

Whereas, in order to ensure the success of our state moving forward, our state’s higher education institutions need to be consistently producing a steady stream of qualified graduates, and

Whereas, scholarships provide students with the means to an education they may not otherwise have been able to afford, and

Whereas, the North Dakota Challenge Fund Grant is a program which seeks to provide matching dollars to private donations at universities state-wide for scholarships on a 1-2 ratio (one Challenge Fund dollar for every two privately donated dollars), and has been utilized heavily by UND in the past, and

Whereas, Governor Doug Bergum has proposed funding the Challenge Fund Grant program at $40,000,000 over the course of the next biennium, and

Whereas, the UND Student Government recognizes that the Challenge Fund serves as one of the best ways to directly benefit the students of not only UND but all the North Dakota higher education institutions as a whole, and

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government stands in support of Governor Bergum’s proposed funding level of $40,000,000 for the North Dakota Challenge Fund Grant.

Erik Hanson, Student Body President