Senate Resolution

To:       The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date:     1/23/19
Re:       A Resolution in Support of Voting-Eligible Student ID

Whereas, the University of North Dakota's Student Government believes in the importance of promoting civic engagement among students on campus; and,

Whereas, this commitment has been demonstrated by our actions encouraging students to vote such as our efforts to share Grand Forks' polling locations and by our support of the North Dakota Student Association's 2018 Student Voting Guide; and,

Whereas, UND Student Government received feedback that many UND students were unable to vote in North Dakota's 2018 midterm elections due to last minute voter ID changes; and

Whereas, voting is the fundamental process by which citizens are able to influence government and keep their representatives accountable; and,

Whereas, North Dakota is one of only six states in the nation that does not recognize student IDs as an eligible form of voter identification1; and,

Whereas, voting-eligible student IDs would lower the barriers for students to actively engage in both the Grand Forks community and in state-wide elections and referendums; and,

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government supports a change to North Dakota Century Code that would give North Dakota public colleges and universities the ability to issue student IDs that are eligible for voter identification purposes.

Therefore, be it further moved that the UND student government supports changes to the North Dakota Century Code that would clarify the voter eligibility requirements and enhance eligible North Dakota students' ability to vote.

Signed by:

Erik Hanson, Student Body President

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