Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: 3/20/2019
Re: Student Government Support for the 1st Annual Und Out of the Darkness Walk

Whereas, according to a 2016 fact sheet developed by the American Association of Suicidology, a nonprofit organization dedicated to suicide prevention, suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students\(^1\), and

Whereas, North Dakota’s Higher Education Consortium on Drug Prevention recently released their yearly student health survey which reported that while most students said that they were aware of programs for mental health and student insurance on campuses, the reported number of students with suicidal thoughts and the number of students actually committing suicide remained high, and

Whereas, as the student body’s elected representatives who are dedicated to representing and helping our fellow students, it is our duty to provide resources, hope, and support to those students who have been personally affected by suicide, suicidal thoughts, or a suicide attempt, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota is hosting its first annual American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s Out of the Darkness Campus Walk on April 7th, 2019 from 2:00pm – 4:00 pm, and

Whereas, this walk is an opportunity to support students who have been affected by and are struggling with suicide by either volunteering, raising money, informing students about the walk, or by joining the walk, and

Whereas, the coordinators have reached out to Student Government requesting we support and advertise for the walk, and

Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government utilizes its social media pages to share information about the walk, and

Therefore, be it further moved that we encourage other university entities such as Student Involvement to allocate non-monetary resources for advertisement and support of this walk, and

Therefore, be it furthest moved that UND Student Government forms a team to support and participate in the 1st Annual UND Out of the Darkness Campus Walk.

Erik Henson, Student Body President