

UND Student Senate

Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Support of HB 1447

2 Whereas, if passed, HB 1447 would require NDUS institutions to place students' birth date and residential address on their student identification cards, and

4 Whereas, if passed, HB 1447 would allow NDUS students to use their new university photo identification card as a valid form of ID when verifying elector eligibility, and

6 Whereas, North Dakota voting requirements state an individual has a valid form of identification that contains the individual's legal name, date of birth, and address, and

8 Whereas, North Dakota's current policy regarding identification notes if a student's identification - which must be issued by the state of North Dakota - does not list their current residential address, they can supplement it with utility bill, bank statement, a check, a document issued by a federal, state, local, or tribal government, or a paycheck, and

12 Whereas, many first year students in on-campus housing may find difficulties acquiring proof of residency, such as a utility bill, and

Whereas, UND Student Government has long promoted students and their right to vote, and

14 Whereas, UND Student Government has, in the past, supported the idea of making student IDs a valid form of identification for verifying elector eligibility, and

16 Whereas, UND Student Government also acknowledges concerns about the usage of a student's address on their student ID, and

18 Whereas, UND Student Government would seek an amendment to HB 1447 that would give students the option to choose whether or not their address and date of birth are listed on their student ID;

20 Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government supports HB 1447, which seeks to add students'
22 date of birth and address to their NDUS student ID, given an amendment is passed providing students
the choice to have that information listed on their student ID.

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Matthew Ternus, Student Body President