

Hello,

My name is Jesse Hughes. I am a 1L at the Liberty University School of Law and a committed Christian who wishes to see the historical vision of the United States carried forward.

I am in full support of the resolution to declare the Kingship of Jesus Christ over the state of North Dakota, as it should be declared in every state across the nation. There are three reasons for my support, one based on irrefutable proof, one theological, and one historical.

First, it is irrefutably clear that Jesus Christ exists and is who He says He is. Countless historical documents, including the accounts of the Gospels, the writings of Roman historian Josephus, and the writings of Roman historian Tacitus. The truth of the matter can also be established through the actions of the Apostles. The Apostles saw their Lord crucified, found the tomb empty three days later, claimed to have seen Christ risen (along with over 500 other witnesses), and died proclaiming this as truth. If this was a lie, at least one of these men would have told the truth instead of dying, but all of them died proclaiming Christ's resurrection. No one dies for a lie.

Secondly, if it is true that Christ is who He says He is and that the Bible is an accurate depiction of His word, then the Bible is the final authority on the matter. The Bible teaches that God instituted civil government as His servant on this earth to promote what is good and to punish what is evil. The Bible further proclaims in Psalm 2 that the kings of the earth should "kiss the Son, lest he be angry... and smash you with a rod of iron." As King, Christ expects the awe and worship of all, including the kings of the earth. Our government is obligated to recognize the Kingship of Christ, or else we will be subject to His judgment.

Third, it follows historically that we should declare the Kingship of Christ over the State of North Dakota and the nation as a whole. When the United States was founded, all 13 of the original states had an established Church and paid reverence to the Lord Jesus Christ. When North Dakota became a state in 1889, the State Constitution followed this historical trend, declaring, "We, the people of North Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, do ordain and establish this constitution." The North Dakota Constitution already declares reverence to the Almighty God, it follows that the legislature should go one step further and declare the Kingship of Christ over the state as a whole.

This testimony is only the tip of the iceberg on why this resolution is a just and righteous one that should be passed. I could fill pages upon pages on why the Kingship of Christ should be declared over every state and the nation as a whole. I hope you will consider this testimony positively and pass this resolution. Thank you and God bless you all, God bless the State of North Dakota, and God bless the United States of America.