

UNDIA Resolution GM01-2006

WHEREAS, the University of North Dakota Indian Association (UNDIA) was established in 1968 as a means of providing support to American Indian students who felt alienated from the community because of the FIGHTING SIOUX™ nickname and logo; and

WHEREAS, 21 American Indian related programs at the University of North Dakota have given their full and unanimous support to discontinue the use of the FIGHTING SIOUX™ nickname and logo; and

WHEREAS, the use of the FIGHTING SIOUX™ nickname and logo at the University of North Dakota hinders the full participation of many of the American Indian students in all aspects of campus life; and

WHEREAS, the use of American Indian names and logos in athletics is demeaning whether intended or not; and

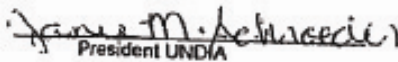
WHEREAS, these American Indian names and symbols promote and encourage practices that trivialize our traditions, culture, and spirituality,

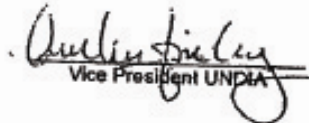
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of North Dakota Indian Association opposes the use of the FIGHTING SIOUX™ nickname and its accompanying "Indian head" logo;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of North Dakota Indian Association respectfully requests the University of North Dakota to discontinue use of the FIGHTING SIOUX™ name and its accompanying "Indian head" logo;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University of North Dakota Indian Association extends an invitation to the University of North Dakota officials and members of the Student Senate to work together in developing a logo and nickname that all UND students and alumni can be proud of.

Voted and Ratified on March 8, 2006


President UNDIA


Vice President UNDIA