

## Resolution in Support of Reducing Hunger and Increasing Food Security in North Dakota

Whereas, in 2017, 76,008 North Dakota residents (10.3% of the population) are living in poverty<sup>i</sup>; and

Whereas, from 2015-2017, 28,700 (9%) of North Dakota households did not have enough food for a healthy and active lifestyle<sup>ii</sup>; and

Whereas, in 2015, 16,130 North Dakota children were food insecure<sup>iii</sup>; and

Whereas, in 2017, rates of food insecurity indicate health and economic disparities and were more than two times greater in Rolette and Sioux counties<sup>iv</sup>, where the percentage of people classified as American Indian is 78.1 percent<sup>v</sup> and 81.6 percent<sup>vi</sup>, respectively; and

Whereas, elimination of very low food security among children and reducing household food insecurity are Healthy People 2020 objectives<sup>vii</sup>; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Dakota Public Health Association affirms and urges policies and initiatives to reduce poverty and food insecurity in North Dakota that include efforts such as growing and supporting community gardens, food and nutrition education, ensuring affordable food access in rural areas and all areas of the state, supporting food sovereignty initiatives and participation in and support of collaborative efforts such as the Creating a Hunger Free North Dakota Coalition.

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<sup>i</sup> United States Census Bureau. <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/ND/IPE120217>

<sup>ii</sup> United States Department of Agriculture. Household Food Security in the United States in 2017 <https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/90023/err-256.pdf?v=0>

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<sup>iv</sup> <https://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2017/overall/north-dakota>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/rolettecountynorthdakota>

<sup>vi</sup> Sioux <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/siouxcountynorthdakota/INC110217>

<sup>vii</sup> Healthy People 2020, (NWS-12 and NWS-14). <https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/nutrition-and-weight-status/objectives>