

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

## Resolution In Support of Minnesota S.F. 1747

Passed on 2/22/2023: 23 yay, 0 nay, 0 abstain

Motioned by: President Emma Zellmer

Second by: Vice-President Idman Ibrahim

**Whereas:** The mental wellbeing of college students and Minnesotans is at an all-time low.

However, the amount of people that are seeking mental health support is on the rise;

and

**Whereas:** Rural Minnesotans lack access to mental health professions in their region. The ratio of mental health counselors to students at Minnesota State University, Mankato is also below national best practice standards; and

**Whereas:** Public Higher Education institutions such as Minnesota State University, Mankato, have an obligation to their students and the citizens of Minnesota to educate and train their students to join the workforce. Mental health professionals are an area of Minnesota's workforce that is experiencing a shortage, especially with the increase in demand for their services; and

**Whereas:** S.F. 1747 would provide funding to create the Center for Rural Behavioral Health training clinic which would serve the southern Minnesota community, the students of Minnesota State University, Mankato, and train new mental health professionals.

**Therefore, Be it Resolved:** The 90<sup>th</sup> Student Government of Minnesota State University, Mankato urges the Minnesota State Senate Health and Human Services Committee to pass S.F. 1747.

**Be it Further Resolved:** The students of Minnesota State University, Mankato urge the Minnesota State House, Senate, and Governor to pass and allocate H.F. 586 and S.F. 1747 funding.