

Resolution in Support of A Regional Veterinary Medical Education Program

WHEREAS, Agriculture is the largest industry in South Dakota with livestock representing 40% of the income; and

WHEREAS, vibrant agricultural communities are vital to the South Dakotan economy and way of life;

WHEREAS, veterinary medicine is an indispensable component in the support of agricultural communities and requires Doctors of Veterinary Medicine (DVMs) knowledgeable in food animal production practices and companion animal care and welfare:

WHEREAS, veterinary medicine is an essential element of the one health initiative where the health and well-being of people are connected to the health and well-being of animals;

WHEREAS, the education and recruitment of future veterinarians is crucial to the continued growth, strength and vitality of communities in South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association supports the establishment of a regional veterinary medical education program for educating veterinary medical students dedicated to serving agricultural communities and fostering excellence in diagnostics, research and clinical practice.

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association looks forward to providing input in the development of a regional veterinary medical education program to help ensure the growth of the agricultural economy and communities in South Dakota and the Region.

Adopted this 14th day of August, 2018

South Dakota Veterinary Medical Association