



INTERSTATE
Oil & Gas
COMPACT COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 09.103 PETROLEUM EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

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ENCOURAGING THE INCREASE OF STUDENTS IN PETROLEUM SPECIFIC DEGREE PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission continues to identify petroleum manpower and research needs; and

WHEREAS, the organization has developed recommendations for state, federal and industry actions published in reports such as Petroleum Pros and North Dakota's Employment Growth: Oil Industry Focus; and

WHEREAS, a stable, adequate, and well-trained domestic petroleum workforce of both professional and blue collar workers is critical to continued environmentally sound development of natural gas and oil resources in the United States; and

WHEREAS, IOGCC will continue to address manpower needs, including encouraging and supporting efforts by the federal government and institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, research projects at the university level can result in valuable support and training of petroleum professionals as well as major advances in technology for exploration and production of natural gas and crude oil;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the IOGCC, in accordance with the findings of the Petroleum Professionals Blue Ribbon Task Force, expresses its support of actions to increase the number of students in petroleum specific degree programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the IOGCC and its member states urges Congress to take action that will encourage institutions of higher learning to increase both the number of programs for students and of scholarships available for petroleum-specific degrees.

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