

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4026

Introduced by

Senators DeMers, Mathern, C. Nelson

Representatives Gulleson, Jensen, Wentz

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of establishing a statewide domestic violence task force to address domestic violence
3 prevention issues and adopt a statewide domestic violence prevention strategy.

4 **WHEREAS**, the problem of domestic violence continues to escalate in this state; and

5 **WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pervasive problem that often devastates its victims
6 physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Supreme Court has urged a unified effort be made at all
8 levels, including local and state, public and private, executive, legislative, and judicial, to
9 implement the state strategy to attack and resolve the domestic violence problem in the state;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, there currently exists a Governor's task force that deals exclusively with the
12 expenditure of federal Violence Against Women Act funds but does not address prevention
13 strategies;

14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
15 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

16 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a
17 statewide domestic violence task force to address domestic violence prevention issues and
18 adopt a statewide domestic violence prevention strategy; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in conducting the study, the Legislative Council
20 seek the involvement of the North Dakota Supreme Court, the Governor, the Attorney General,
21 and the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
23 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
24 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.