

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4035

Introduced by

Senators Thompson, LaFountain, Wogsland

Representatives Kerzman, Warner, Wilkie

1 A concurrent resolution congratulating the North American Indigenous Games TEAM North
2 Dakota, an indigenous sports organization comprised of members from the Spirit Lake Nation;
3 Standing Rock Sioux; Three Affiliated Tribes; and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, for
4 successfully securing the bid to host the 1999 North American Indigenous Games in Fargo,
5 North Dakota, to be held July 28 through August 27, 1999.

6 **WHEREAS**, the mission of the North American Indigenous Games is to improve the
7 quality of life for indigenous peoples by supporting self-determined sports and cultural activities
8 which encourage equal access to participation in the social and cultural fabric of the
9 communities where they reside and which respect indigenous distinctiveness; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the North American Indigenous Games will showcase the athletic skills,
11 abilities, and talents of North Dakota native youth and adult athletes, who will serve as positive
12 role models for healthy living for the native youth as well as the nonnative youth of our state;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, the youth of North Dakota, who are our future leaders, will be encouraged
15 to develop positive leadership abilities by the organization and participation in this outstanding
16 event; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the North American Indigenous Games will provide an opportunity to
18 promote tourism in North Dakota to showcase the history of North Dakota and plains culture,
19 history, and native heritage of the Indian nations of this state; and

20 **WHEREAS**, this international event is expected to draw over 30,000 visitors to the state
21 of North Dakota and is expected to provide a direct economic impact of an estimated
22 \$20 million during the North American Indigenous Games;

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

1 That the Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly supports and endorses the 1999 North
2 American Indigenous Games in the Fargo-Moorhead area in July and August of 1999; and
3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Assembly encourages the citizens,
4 state agencies, and private sector of North Dakota to share their hospitality and to fully support
5 the successful accomplishment of this worthwhile endeavor.