

Fifty-seventh
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4009**

Introduced by

Senators Heitkamp, Nichols

Representatives Solberg, Warner

1 A concurrent resolution urging the President and Congress to allow the states to govern and
2 determine the conditions under which travel and other activities may be conducted on the
3 national grasslands.

4 **WHEREAS**, the national grasslands comprise nearly 4,000,000 acres of publicly owned
5 lands and are administered by the United States Forest Service; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the United States Forest Service is the largest land management entity in
7 North Dakota and administers three national grasslands in the state, the Little Missouri National
8 Grassland, the Sheyenne National Grassland, and the Cedar River National Grassland; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the national grasslands in the state total 1,105,000 acres, which is forty-six
10 percent of all federal land in North Dakota and two percent of the land area of the entire state;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, some leading environmental and animal rights organizations have blatantly
13 misled many American people about the effects of travel and other activities on national
14 grasslands; and

15 **WHEREAS**, because of the importance of these lands to the state and because the
16 state is in the best position to govern these lands and determine the rules under which travel
17 and other activities should be permitted on the national grasslands;

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

20 That the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly urges the President and the Congress of
21 the United States to allow the states to govern and determine the conditions under which travel
22 and other activities may be conducted on the national grasslands; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
24 resolution to the President of the United States, the Secretary of Agriculture, the chief of the

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- 1 United States Forest Service, the supervisor of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands office, and to
- 2 each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.