

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4037

Introduced by

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(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution expressing the Legislative Assembly's support for construction of the
2 North Central Rural Water Consortium Project and the South Central Regional Water District
3 Project.

4 **WHEREAS**, many areas and localities in central North Dakota do not enjoy safe
5 drinking water, and the water in these areas and localities contains iron, sulfates, alkali, salt,
6 nitrates, fluoride, and other hazardous and discoloring substances; and

7 **WHEREAS**, many areas and localities in central North Dakota do not have sufficient
8 quantities of water to ensure a dependable, long-term supply; and

9 **WHEREAS**, a dependable supply of potable water, free from contaminants and
10 substances as aforementioned, is instrumental to the stabilization and revitalization of the rural
11 and sub-urban economy in central North Dakota; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the North Central Rural Water Consortium Project's goal is to address and
13 fill the gaps existing between the numerous rural water systems currently operating in seven
14 counties throughout central North Dakota, utilizing existing facilities to their fullest capacity to
15 present a more feasible project, and afford all residents of the area the opportunity to be served
16 at a more affordable cost; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the South Central Regional Water District will extend the services of the
18 Burleigh Water Users Cooperative to address the needs of a five-county region in south central
19 North Dakota, utilizing the Missouri River as a source of supply; and

20 **WHEREAS**, both of these projects will supply water, in areas of the state exceeding the
21 recommended allowable levels for arsenic, in both private and public wells, thus offering a
22 solution for the numerous small communities facing severe financial burdens to comply with the
23 new arsenic standard thus resulting in an improved quality of life for the rural residents of these
24 areas;

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

3 That the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly expresses its support for construction of the
4 North Central Rural Water Consortium and South Central Regional Water District Projects; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
6 resolution to the Governor, State Engineer, each member of the State Water Commission, and
7 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.