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A concurrent resolution urging the United States Army Corps of Engineers to retain sufficient

Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3019

Introduced by

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Representatives Froelich, Brandenburg, Kerzman, Kretschmar Senators Erbele, Krauter

2	water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to ensure a stable water supply for the residents of the
3	Standing Rock Indian Reservation and surrounding communities, complimenting the Governor
4	and the Attorney General on their efforts, and urging them to continue their actions to ensure
5	federal officials retain sufficient water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to protect the health
6	and well-being of the citizens of the area.
7	WHEREAS, the Pick-Sloan Project, as authorized in the Flood Control Act of 1944, as
8	amended, provides major flood control benefits, recreational benefits, water supply benefits,
9	hydropower benefits, and navigational benefits for the downstream states of Iowa, Nebraska,
10	Missouri, and Kansas through construction of large reservoirs in states lying upstream from
11	these states; and
12	WHEREAS, the Pick-Sloan Project reservoirs have been in place for many years, thus
13	providing downstream states in the Missouri River Basin all the benefits promised in the
14	Pick-Sloan Project; and
15	WHEREAS, construction of facilities under the Pick-Sloan Project has, to date, resulted
16	in billions of dollars in flood protection to downstream interests and has allowed these
17	downstream interests to develop the original flood plain of the Missouri River for industrial,
18	municipal, and agricultural uses; and
19	WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has directed the United States Army
20	Corps of Engineers to build, operate, and maintain all the features of the Pick-Sloan Project;
21	and
22	WHEREAS, due to unprecedented drought in the upper Missouri River Basin, the upper
23	basin reservoirs, including Lake Oahe, are at historically low levels; and
24	WHEREAS, the low level of Lake Oahe has made it difficult and expensive for residents
25	of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and surrounding communities to access the reservoir

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- for drinking water and other domestic, recreational, and agricultural purposes, thus
 endangering their health and well-being;
 - NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:
- 5 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Army Corps of 6 Engineers to retain sufficient water in the upper portion of Lake Oahe to ensure a stable water 7 supply for the residents of the Standing Rock Indian Reservation and surrounding communities, 8 compliments the Governor and the Attorney General on their efforts, and urges them to 9 continue their actions to ensure federal officials retain sufficient water in the upper portion of 10 Lake Oahe to protect the health and well-being of the citizens of the area; and 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this 12 resolution to the Governor; the Attorney General; the District Engineer, Omaha District, United 13 States Army Corps of Engineers; the Division Commander of the Northwestern Division of the

United States Army Corps of Engineers; the Secretary of the Army; the Secretary of the

Interior; and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.