

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3031
(Representatives Berg, Boucher)
(Senators O'Connell, Stenehjem)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study issues relating to tribal-state relations, including methods for encouraging greater tribal-state cooperation; the promotion of economic development on Indian reservations in the state; the identification and study of health care, child welfare services, social services, environmental protection, education, and law enforcement issues on the reservations; the identification and study of the social and fiscal impact of providing social services in counties within and adjacent to the reservations; and the identification and proposals for the resolution of the water issues affecting the state and the tribes.

WHEREAS, there are five federally recognized Indian tribes and bands in this state, each with a unique history and unique concerns; and

WHEREAS, each of these tribes and bands is a separate and independent political community with a sovereign government that is distinct and separate from the state; and

WHEREAS, tribal governments in this state administer many programs, including state programs, which provide benefits to tribal and nontribal members, such as child welfare services, health care services, social services, environmental protection, education, and law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for state and tribal governments to discuss matters of mutual concern in a government-to-government relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Indian tribes and bands in this state and the state of North Dakota should have a mutual respect for each other and should strive to improve communications on issues of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, a study of tribal-state issues would assist in resolving potential conflicts, maximizing key intergovernmental relations, and enhancing an exchange of ideas and resources for the greater good of all North Dakota residents, whether tribal members or not;

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

That the Legislative Council study issues relating to tribal-state relations, including methods for encouraging greater tribal-state cooperation; the promotion of economic development on Indian reservations in the state; the identification and study of health care, child welfare services, social services, environmental protection, education, and law enforcement issues on the reservations; the identification and study of the social and fiscal impact of providing social services in counties within and adjacent to the reservations; and the identification and proposals for the resolution of the water issues affecting the state and the tribes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council may assign portions of this study to appropriate interim committees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State