

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3043

Introduced by

Representatives Sitte, Charging, Horter, Kreidt

Senators Holmberg, Triplett

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the need for supportive
2 housing and services, including emergency shelters, transition housing, and permanent
3 supportive housing for homeless individuals and families with children.

4 **WHEREAS**, a survey of key leaders representing cities, counties, reservations, public
5 housing authorities, banks, realtors, apartment associations, builders, and statewide housing
6 organizations found that three out of four key leaders expressed the need for the state to play a
7 role in increasing the supply of adequate and affordable housing; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the quality of life for homeless individuals and families with children in this
9 state is threatened by a lack of affordable and supportive housing and services; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in November 2004 the North Dakota State University Data Center issued a
11 statewide housing needs assessment that recommended special attention be given to housing
12 for special needs populations, including the homeless; and

13 **WHEREAS**, there is an unmet housing need in this state for approximately 2,000 beds
14 for homeless individuals and families with children; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the benefit of supportive housing for homeless individuals and families with
16 children would be increased quality of life, increased length of employment, reduced time spent
17 in emergency rooms, jails, and detoxification units, and reduced costs to the county and the
18 state;

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

21 That the Legislative Council study the need for supportive housing and services,
22 including emergency shelters, transition housing, and permanent supportive housing for
23 homeless individuals and families with children; and

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