

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4016

Introduced by

Senators Every, Fairfield, Lyson, Nelson

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of adopting a statewide procedure for conducting missing persons investigations.

3 **WHEREAS**, missing persons generally fit into categories of runaway juveniles,
4 individuals who are missing and possibly endangered due to diminished mental capacity, and
5 persons missing under suspicious circumstances; and

6 **WHEREAS**, as of March 2003 the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Crime
7 Information Center reported that there were 97,297 active missing person cases in the United
8 States, which included more than 54,000 children; and

9 **WHEREAS**, statistics indicate that 74 percent of abducted children who are murdered
10 are dead within three hours of abduction; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in conducting a missing persons investigation, time is of the essence; and

12 **WHEREAS**, although the state of North Dakota has implemented the Amber Alert
13 System for dealing with abducted or missing children, the state does not have a statewide
14 procedure in place for conducting missing persons investigations;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of adopting a statewide
18 procedure for conducting missing persons investigations; and

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