

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

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4016
(Senators Every, Fairfield, Lyson, Nelson)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

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

Secretary of State