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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to pass a human life amendment to the Constitution of  
2 the United States.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly finds that the state of North Dakota has a  
4 compelling and paramount interest in the preservation and protection of the life of all human  
5 beings; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly finds that the life of a human being should be  
7 protected at every stage of biological development; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly finds that abortion procedures impose significant  
9 risks to the health and life of the pregnant mother, including subjecting her to significant risk of  
10 severe depression, suicidal ideation, suicide, attempted suicide, posttraumatic stress disorders,  
11 physical injury, and a greater risk of death than risks associated with carrying the unborn child  
12 to full term and childbirth; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the inalienable right to life is found not only in the Declaration of  
14 Independence but also in the Constitution of the United States which the senators and  
15 representatives of Congress, the members of the several state legislatures, and all federal and  
16 state executive and judicial officers are sworn to preserve, protect, and defend; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the 5th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States  
18 guarantee that no person may be deprived of life without due process of law; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Congress has the power and responsibility to enforce the guarantees  
20 contained in the 5th, 13th, and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of  
21 America, which guarantee to all persons the right not to be deprived of life without due process  
22 of law, the right to the equal protection of the law, and the right to be free from involuntary  
23 servitude and the power to enforce such guarantees includes the power to expand the  
24 definition of persons entitled to such guarantees; and

1           **WHEREAS**, abortion is a deprivation of the right to life and the right to the equal  
2 protection of the law and is the ultimate manifestation of the involuntary servitude of one human  
3 being to another;

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

6           That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly strongly urges the Congress of the United  
7 States to pass and all state executive and judicial officers to support an amendment to the  
8 Constitution of the United States recognizing that the inalienable right to life is vested in each  
9 human being and guaranteeing that no human being may be deprived the equal protection of  
10 the law without due process; and

11           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this  
12 resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the Speaker of the  
13 United State House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the  
14 Governor of North Dakota, and the Chief Justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court.