

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3029

Introduced by

Representatives Conrad, Thorpe, Timm

Senators Krebsbach, Seymour, Tollefson

1 A concurrent resolution expressing the Legislative Assembly's support for continued
2 construction of the Northwest Area Water Supply Project.

3 **WHEREAS**, many areas and localities in northwestern North Dakota do not enjoy safe
4 drinking water, and the water in these areas and localities contains iron, sulfates, alkali, salt,
5 nitrates, fluoride, and other hazardous and discoloring substances; and

6 **WHEREAS**, many areas and localities in northwestern North Dakota do not have
7 sufficient quantities of water to ensure a dependable long-term supply; and

8 **WHEREAS**, supplementation of the water resources of northwestern North Dakota with
9 water supplies from the Missouri River utilizing a pipeline transmission and delivery system may
10 be the only alternative to provide northwestern North Dakota with a safe, good quality,
11 dependable source, and adequate quantity of water; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the Fifty-second Legislative Assembly directed the State Water
13 Commission to develop a pipeline transmission and delivery system to deliver water supplies
14 from the Missouri River and other sources to areas and localities in northwestern North Dakota;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, the State Water Commission has entered contracts with the cities of Minot,
17 Mohall, Bottineau, Kenmare, Berthold, and others for delivery of water through the Northwest
18 Area Water Supply Project; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Northwest Area Water Supply Project has been under construction
20 since April 2002; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the cities that have contracted with the State Water Commission for water
22 delivery to address water supply issues, noncompliance with federal Environmental Protection
23 Agency regulations, and other similar potable water issues do need the Northwest Area Water
24 Supply Project;

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

3 That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly expresses its support for continued
4 construction of the Northwest Area Water Supply Project; and

5 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
6 resolution to the Governor, State Engineer, each member of the State Water Commission, the
7 President of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of Reclamation,
8 the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, the Premier of the
9 Province of Manitoba, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.