

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3029

(Representatives Conrad, Thorpe, Timm)

(Senators Krebsbach, Seymour, Tollefson)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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

Secretary of State