

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4014
(Senator Wardner)**

A concurrent resolution recognizing October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day.

WHEREAS, each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby; and

WHEREAS, it is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child; and

WHEREAS, even the shortest lives are still valuable, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should be remembered by a compassionate public; and

WHEREAS, Governors of all 50 states have signed proclamations designating October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, the legislatures of the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, and South Dakota have passed concurrent resolutions recognizing October 15 of each year as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day may provide comfort to those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or other complications; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day would enable the public to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and

WHEREAS, October 15 of each year is an appropriate day to observe Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day;

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

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly recognizes October 15 as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, supports the goals and ideals of National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day, and requests that the Governor issue an annual proclamation calling upon the people of North Dakota to observe that day with appropriate compassion, programs, and activities.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2009,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State