

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011

Introduced by

Representative Porter

Senator G. Lee

1 A concurrent resolution endorsing the concept, implementation, and funding of regional
2 capability response to manmade and natural disasters in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is prone to natural disasters, is vulnerable to manmade
4 disasters, and is susceptible to a terrorist attack; and

5 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is a rural state and depends upon volunteer and limited
6 numbers of response discipline personnel for initial disaster response; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Homeland Security through the North Dakota
8 Department of Emergency Services has provided substantial funds to response disciplines
9 throughout the state; and

10 **WHEREAS**, funding levels to firefighters, hospitals, emergency medical responders, law
11 enforcement, and public works personnel for equipment, training, and exercises for first
12 response have decreased; and

13 **WHEREAS**, strategic placement of response equipment and increased cooperation of
14 response disciplines in North Dakota are necessary; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Department of Homeland Security has embarked on a comprehensive
16 program to consolidate response through the establishment of regional response areas
17 strategically placed within North Dakota;

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

20 That the Legislative Assembly endorses the concept, implementation, and funding of
21 regional capability response to manmade and natural disasters in North Dakota; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that future Homeland Security funding for response
23 distribution be adjusted to accommodate this cooperative effort; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
25 resolution to the North Dakota Firefighters Association, Fire Chiefs Association, Peace Officers

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- 1 Association, Sheriffs Association, Emergency Medical Association, Health Care Association,
- 2 Public Works Association, North Dakota Emergency Management Association, North Dakota
- 3 League of Cities, and North Dakota Association of Counties.