

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4016
(Senators Potter, Krauter, Marcellais)
(Representatives Kilichowski, S. Meyer, Schmidt)

A concurrent resolution urging the Congress of the United States and the President to enact federal legislation promoting travel to the United States by overseas visitors, thereby promoting the economies of communities across North Dakota and the United States.

WHEREAS, travel and tourism generates \$1.7 trillion in economic activity in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism is a powerful economic generator for North Dakota, accounting for \$3.8 billion in visitor spending in the state in 2006; and

WHEREAS, travel and tourism promote job creation in North Dakota with as many as 30,240 jobs related to travel and tourism economic activity, 8.6 percent of total employment in the state; and

WHEREAS, travel to the United States from overseas destinations has yet to rebound to pre-9/11 levels; and

WHEREAS, tourism promotes diplomacy as overseas visitors are more likely to have a favorable opinion of the United States after having visited; and

WHEREAS, all major industrialized nations except the United States have national tourism policies and spend significant funds on promoting their destinations overseas, and, in turn, see substantial returns on their investments; and

WHEREAS, communities across the state work to promote travel and would benefit from a federal promotion; and

WHEREAS, the Travel Promotion Act would benefit North Dakota and every state, create jobs, explain national security procedures, and improve our national image around the world;

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

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States and the President to enact federal legislation promoting travel to the United States by overseas visitors, thereby promoting the economies of communities across North Dakota and the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the President and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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