

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018
(Senators Wanzek, Miller, Taylor)
(Representatives D. Johnson, Nelson)

A concurrent resolution recognizing the need for viable and sustainable agricultural practices in this state.

WHEREAS, in 2000 the world population was 6 billion and by 2025 it is predicted to reach 8 billion--an increase of 33 percent; and

WHEREAS, in 1965 there were 1.1 acres of arable land per person and by 2025 there will be under 0.5 acre per person available for food production; and

WHEREAS, in order to accommodate the food needs of a growing world population, it will be important that agricultural producers having operations of all sizes and types explore ways to improve their management practices and focus on using inputs and resources in the most effective and efficient ways possible; and

WHEREAS, in order for present-day agricultural producers to leave a legacy of rich, fertile, and productive land to future generations, they should be encouraged to consider incorporating, in their production practices, both the latest scientific research findings and emerging technologies;

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

That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly recognizes that agricultural producers of all sizes and types should be encouraged to pursue effective and efficient practices, in order to ensure that agriculture remains viable and sustainable for multiple generations yet to come; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture 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