

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Senator Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of national pregnancy and infant loss
2 remembrance day.

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

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

6 **WHEREAS**, even the shortest lives are still valuable, and the grief of those who mourn
7 the loss of these lives should not be trivialized;

8 **WHEREAS**, during the past 3 years, governors of all 50 states have signed
9 proclamations designating October 15 as pregnancy and infant loss remembrance day;

10 **WHEREAS**, the legislatures of the states of Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana,
11 Missouri, New York, Rhode Island, and South Dakota have passed concurrent resolutions
12 recognizing October 15th of each year as pregnancy and infant loss remembrance day;

13 **WHEREAS**, the observance of pregnancy and infant loss remembrance day may
14 provide validation to those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or other
15 complications;

16 **WHEREAS**, recognizing pregnancy and infant loss remembrance day would enable the
17 people of the United States to consider how, as individuals and communities, they can meet the
18 needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and work to prevent the causes of
19 these deaths; and

20 **WHEREAS**, October 15th of each year is an appropriate day to observe national
21 pregnancy and infant loss remembrance day.

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

24 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly recognizes October 15th as national pregnancy
25 and infant loss remembrance day, supports the goals and ideals of national pregnancy and

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- 1 infant loss remembrance day, and request that the Governor issue an annual proclamation
- 2 calling upon the people of North Dakota to observe that day with appropriate programs and
- 3 activities.