

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Bureau of Indian Affairs to expedite its review process of the
2 proposed clean fuels refinery on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly has learned that the Three Affiliated
4 Tribes - Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, one of North Dakota's Indian Nations, has
5 encountered difficulty with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in constructing a clean fuel refinery on
6 the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in North Dakota;

7 **WHEREAS**, the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation proposes to construct a fifteen
8 thousand barrel per stream day petroleum refinery on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation near
9 the town of Makoti in Ward County, North Dakota;

10 **WHEREAS**, this refinery will be a new state of the art refinery that will be able to meet
11 current and proposed environmental agency regulations;

12 **WHEREAS**, this project will employ 600 to one 1,000 people during the construction
13 phase and will create 65 permanent jobs with additional jobs created in the local service
14 industry;

15 **WHEREAS**, the financial benefits from the refinery will affect all surrounding
16 communities by providing much needed jobs as well as improving the living standards on the
17 reservation; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the final environmental impact statement is pending approval by the
19 Bureau of Indian Affairs;

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

22 That the Sixty-First Legislative Assembly urges the Bureau of Indian Affairs to expedite
23 its review process so that the required permits may be issued and construction on this much
24 needed project may commence;

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to the Secretary of the Interior; the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
- 3 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.