

Sixty-first
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative Porter

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 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 fire fighters, hospitals, emergency medical responders,
11 law enforcement, and public works personnel for equipment, training, and exercises for first
12 response has decreased; and

13 **WHEREAS**, strategic placement of response equipment and increased cooperation of
14 response disciplines in North Dakota is 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 consolidation of response to manmade and
21 natural disasters through the establishment of regional response areas 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 sends copies of this
25 resolution to the North Dakota Fire Fighters Association, the Fire Chiefs Association, the Peace

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