

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Workforce Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution supporting the Northern Tier Network Technology Initiative, its private
2 enterprise partners, and the related activities of the Legislative Management's Information
3 Technology Committee.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Northern Tier Network Technology Initiative is the implementation of an
5 information technology network for the purpose of supporting the research and education
6 missions of the North Dakota University System from Seattle, Washington, to Chicago, Illinois,
7 and from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Omaha, Nebraska, with North Dakota's segments bordering
8 Montana to the west, Minnesota to the east, the Canadian border to the north, and South
9 Dakota to the south; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2007 the Legislative Assembly appropriated funds to the North Dakota
11 University System to support the Northern Tier Network Technology Initiative; and

12 **WHEREAS**, during the 2007-08 and 2009-10 interims the Legislative Management's
13 Information Technology Committee has received status reports on the implementation of North
14 Dakota's portion of the Northern Tier Network; and

15 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota telecommunication companies have played and will continue to
16 play an important role in supporting the Northern Tier Network Technology Initiative;

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

19 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly supports the Northern Tier Network Technology
20 Initiative, its private enterprise partners, and the related activities of the Legislative
21 Management's interim Information Technology Committee.

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
23 to the members of the Northern Tier Network - North Dakota and the chairman of the Legislative
24 Management's Information Technology Committee.