

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3016

Introduced by

Representatives Kasper, Headland, Kempenich, Sukut, Weiler

Senator Klein

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
2 Act.

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress passed and the President signed into law the
4 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on March 23, 2010; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as amended by the Health
6 Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, comprises comprehensive federal health care
7 reform legislation, which is commonly referred to as the Affordable Care Act; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the result of this law will be to create a government takeover of the health care
9 industry that will increase health care costs, raise taxes, hurt senior citizens, destroy jobs,
10 reduce the quality of care that Americans will receive, restrict consumer choice, limit individuals'
11 access to private health insurance, and reduce the ability of American companies to compete;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the law will constrain the freedom of individuals to choose their own doctor and
14 will interfere with individuals' ability to make personal health care decisions; and

15 **WHEREAS**, a single-payer health care system, which forces patients to enroll in a
16 one-size-fits-all plan with rich benefits and weak cost-sharing, will cause spending for health
17 care to escalate and policymakers to ration care as a cost-containment measure; and

18 **WHEREAS**, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the law could cause millions of
19 Americans who receive health insurance through their employer to lose their health insurance
20 coverage and also result in premiums in the individual and small group markets to substantially
21 increase; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Health and Human Services will dictate what
23 benefits insurers must offer and how much to charge; and

24 **WHEREAS**, because many physicians lose money servicing government patients on
25 Medicare and Medicaid, the law will increase this problem by further reducing Medicare and

1 Medicaid fees to doctors and hospitals and will discourage individuals from entering the health
2 care field; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the law will increase taxes on employers who do not offer adequate insurance
4 and will increase taxes on investment income, which in turn will reduce capital available for job
5 expansion, reduce economic growth, and result in fewer jobs for Americans; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the law will harm seniors by making cuts from the Medicare budget and
7 causing seniors to lose the health insurance coverage they currently possess; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of the law will add to the national debt; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the provisions of the law aimed at reducing health care spending address the
10 symptoms of the cost of health care rather than the root causes of growth in health care
11 spending;

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

14 That the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly urges Congress to repeal the Patient Protection
15 and Affordable Care Act; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
17 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.