

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3009

Introduced by

Representatives Conklin, Koppelman

Senators Mathern, Warner

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 4 of article XI of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to oaths of office of elected and appointed officials.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This amendment provides that members of the executive branch are required to take the oath
5 prescribed by this section.

6 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
7 **SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

8 That the following proposed amendment to section 4 of article XI of the Constitution of
9 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at the
10 general election to be held in 2012, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
11 Constitution of North Dakota.

12 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 4 of article XI of the Constitution of North Dakota is
13 amended and reenacted as follows:

14 **Section 4.** Members of the legislative assembly and the executive and judicial
15 department branches, except such inferior officers as may be by law exempted ~~shall~~, before they
16 enter on the duties of their respective offices, shall take and subscribe the following oath or
17 affirmation: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm as the case may be) that I will support the
18 Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of North Dakota; and that I
19 will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of _____ according to the best of my ability,
20 so help me God" (if an oath), (under pains and penalties of perjury) if an affirmation, and ~~no~~ any
21 other oath, declaration, or test ~~shall~~ may not be required as a qualification for any office or public
22 trust.