

**Sixty-second Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2011**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4021
(Senators Marcellais, Heckaman, Triplett)
(Representatives M. Nelson, Onstad)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the feasibility and desirability of developing a strategic partnership between the State Tourism Division and corresponding tourism departments or alliances of tourism departments of the Indian tribes within North Dakota promoting tourism in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the State Tourism Division exists as a planning and coordinating agency for tourism-related programs of the state and the state's tourism partners; and

WHEREAS, in early 2011, the federally recognized Indian tribes within North Dakota organized an intertribal tourism alliance that seeks cooperation with the State Tourism Division; and

WHEREAS, each federally recognized Indian tribe within North Dakota also has a tourism department or equivalent agency or function that seeks to draw visitors to the various attractions and activities that occur within the Indian reservations of the state; and

WHEREAS, joint planning and marketing of tourism in North Dakota by the state and the federally recognized Indian tribes within the state could substantially boost tourism in North Dakota by featuring American Indian activities and attractions of interest to both international and out-of-state tourists seeking contacts and experiences with American Indians and seeking to learn about the history of the state; and

WHEREAS, an investment of state funds into joint tourism marketing programs between the state and an alliance of tribal tourism departments could lead to increased economic development in rural areas in North Dakota as well as for the Indian tribes themselves;

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

That the Legislative Management study the feasibility and desirability of developing a strategic partnership between the State Tourism Division and corresponding tourism departments or alliances of tourism departments of the Indian tribes within North Dakota promoting tourism in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2011,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State