

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4011  
(Senators Erbele, Hogue, Mathern)  
(Representatives Kretschmar, Schmidt, Silbernagel)

A concurrent resolution urging the National Park Service to recognize the historical value of the Nokota horse and provide for its appropriate management in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

**WHEREAS**, Nokota horses trace their ancestry to the early Native American and frontier ranch horses that were bred for use as war horses, buffalo runners, and all-purpose saddle horses; and

**WHEREAS**, Nokota horses are characterized by a square-set, angular frame, tapering musculature, V-shaped front end, angular shoulders with prominent withers, distinctly sloped croup, low tail set, strong bone, legs, and hooves, and "Spanish colonial" pigmentation; and

**WHEREAS**, during most of the 20th century, Nokota horses have lived and roamed in the wild and rugged Little Missouri Badlands; and

**WHEREAS**, some of the wild bands of Nokota horses were fenced in at the time Theodore Roosevelt National Park was created; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nokota horse is the honorary equine of North Dakota;

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

That the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly urges the National Park Service to recognize the historical value of the Nokota horse in this state's ranching and Indian culture and to manage the feral horses in Theodore Roosevelt National Park in a manner that ensures the preservation of the Nokota bloodline and further ensures that Nokota horses will continue to be a magnificent part of the national park's landscape and treasured by future generations of North Dakotans and visitors from across the nation and around the world; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, the Director of the National Park Service, the Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State