

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4003
(Senators Patten, Piepkorn)
(Representatives Kempenich, Richter)

A concurrent resolution declaring the fourth Saturday in July as "National Day of the Cowboy".

WHEREAS, North Dakota pioneering men and women, known as cowboys, helped establish America's frontiers; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy archetype transcends gender, generations, ethnicity, geographic boundaries, and political affiliations; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy embodies honesty, integrity, courage, compassion, and determination; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy spirit exemplifies patriotism and strength of character; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy is an excellent steward of the land, it's resources, and it's creatures; and

WHEREAS, the core values expressed within the Cowboy Code of Conduct continue to inspire the pursuit of the highest caliber of personal integrity; and

WHEREAS, cowboy and ranching traditions have been part of the American landscape and culture since 1523, and today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to preserve and perpetuate this unique element of America's heritage; and

WHEREAS, annual attendance at rodeos exceeds thirty million fans worldwide; and

WHEREAS, membership and participation in the national day of the Cowboy Organization, Working Ranch Rodeo Association, American Quarter Horse Association, Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association, the Buffalo Soldiers, Cowboy Fast Draw Association, Pro Bull Riding, Little Britches Rodeo, Western Music Association, Women's Pro Rodeo, and other organizations that encompass the livelihood of the cowboy continues to expand both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy and his horse are a central figure in literature, art, film, poetry, photography, and music; and

WHEREAS, the cowboy is a true American icon occupying a central place in the public's imagination;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly declares the fourth Saturday in July as "National Day of the Cowboy".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional delegation.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House