

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4002
(Senators Mathern, Erbele, Oban)
(Representatives Buffalo, B. Koppelman, Nathe)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to address the rising costs and availability of medications and health care for individuals with diabetes and coverage of those costs.

WHEREAS, approximately 65,000 adults and children in North Dakota have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the average medical expenses for an individual with diabetes are twice as high as the medical expenses for an individual who does not have diabetes; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost of diabetes in North Dakota for 2014 was \$700,000,000; and

WHEREAS, individuals with diabetes need regular health care, laboratory tests, and prescription medications and North Dakota is concerned about the increasing costs and availability of medications and health care and coverage for those costs;

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

That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to address the rising costs and availability of medications and health care for individuals with diabetes and coverage of those costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate, 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