

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4007
(Senators J. Lee, Clemens, Dever, Oban)
(Representatives Meier, Mock)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress and the Food and Drug Administration to end the marketing and advertising of e-cigarettes to youth.

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes are known by many different names, including "e-cigs", "e-hookahs", "mods", "vape pens", "vapes", "tank systems", and "electronic nicotine delivery systems"; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports e-cigarettes are the most commonly used tobacco products among youth, with 2018 CDC data showing 3.6 million middle and high school students used e-cigarettes in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes are available in more than 7,000 fruit and candy flavors and advertising and marketing use cartoons and celebrities, which are appealing to youth; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes contain nicotine, which is a highly addictive drug and has immediate biochemical effects on the brain and body; and

WHEREAS, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has found e-cigarettes contain a number of toxins, carcinogens, and components suspected of being harmful to humans and acknowledges consumers of e-cigarettes have no way of knowing whether e-cigarettes are safe or how much nicotine or other potentially harmful chemicals are being inhaled; and

WHEREAS, although the FDA has banned youth marketing techniques and advertising for cigarettes and the FDA has taken the first step in establishing FDA oversight of e-cigarettes, there are no federal restrictions preventing the sale and advertising of e-cigarettes to youth;

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 and the FDA to end the marketing and advertising of e-cigarettes to youth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation and the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House