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

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3054 (Representatives Dobervich, Weisz) (Senators Dever, Hogan)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the necessary steps and resources, including funding, to eliminate human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in North Dakota.

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States announced a plan in coordination with the United States Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate the transmission of HIV by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services initiative will aim to reduce new HIV infections by 75 percent within the next 5 years and 90 percent within the next 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals living with HIV infection who receive proper treatment and care can live healthy, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals living with HIV infection who achieve and maintain viral suppression effectively have no risk of sexual transmission to others; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals at high risk for HIV infection can reduce their risk of acquiring HIV significantly by taking medications known as pre-exposure prophylaxis; and

WHEREAS, community-based testing and treatment, as well as state resources, are vital to achieve eradication of HIV transmission; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota may require additional resources to achieve the goal of ending the HIV and AIDS epidemic in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the number of new HIV infections has nearly tripled in North Dakota in the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to education, testing, prevention services, and quality care and treatment will reduce HIV transmission in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, data obtained from a study will identify areas in greatest need of resources for prevention and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, a study will determine the funding required by the state to meet the policy goals outlined by the federal government;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the necessary steps and resources, including funding, to eliminate HIV and AIDS 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-seventh Legislative Assembly.

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 Speaker of the House
 President of the Senate

 Chief Clerk of the House
 Secretary of the Senate

 Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2019, at \_\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_\_M.

Secretary of State