

**Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2023**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3004
(Representatives Monson, B. Anderson, Bellew, D. Johnson, Longmuir)
(Senators Myrdal, Rust, Vedaa)

A concurrent resolution encouraging North Dakota citizens to purchase United States flags made out of hemp and manufactured in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed an Act to establish an official flag for our new nation; and

WHEREAS, for more than 200 years, the United States flag has served as a symbol of our nation's unity, freedom, and patriotism, as well as a source of pride and inspiration for millions of citizens;

WHEREAS, historians assert the first United States flags were made from hemp; and

WHEREAS, hemp is stronger and more durable than cotton; and

WHEREAS, hemp fades less than other fabrics; and

WHEREAS, state law prohibits state entities or political subdivisions from purchasing a United States flag unless the flag was manufactured in the United States; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota citizens should demonstrate their patriotism by supporting local businesses in our state which manufacture United States flags made out of durable materials, such as hemp;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all North Dakota citizens are encouraged to purchase United States flags made out of hemp and manufactured in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the commissioner of commerce and members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate