

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota  
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4020  
(Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl, Hogan)  
(Representatives Ista, Lefor, Weisz)

A concurrent resolution recognizing and commending the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the National Conference of State Legislatures was founded in 1975 and has evolved during the past half-century to become the premier organization solely dedicated to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the conference was created from the merger of three organizations that served or represented state legislatures and shared the belief that legislative service is one of democracy's worthiest pursuits; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Conference of State Legislatures is a bipartisan organization with several objectives, including advancing the effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legislatures; fostering interstate communication and cooperation; and ensuring for states a strong, cohesive voice in the federal system; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy that continuously tackle emerging challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, state legislatures are places where individuals from varying backgrounds, representing different communities, come together and find common ground; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Conference of State Legislatures has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical research and information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues confronting our communities, states, and nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Conference of State Legislatures strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and the international community;

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

That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly recognizes and commends the National Conference of State Legislatures for its superb leadership and its commitment to the legislative institution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the Chief Executive Officer of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House