

Fifty-fifth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3005

Introduced by

Legislative Council

(Budget Committee on Home and Community Care)

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study Native American long-term
2 care needs and access to appropriate services and the functional relationship between state
3 service units and the Native American reservation service systems.

4 **WHEREAS**, during the 1995-96 interim the Department of Human Services and the
5 Department of Health formed a Task Force on Long-Term Care Planning and presented
6 recommendations to the Legislative Council's Budget Committee on Home and Community
7 Care and Insurance and Health Care Committee; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in the area of long-term care service inventory, distribution, and
9 alternatives, it was reported long-term care services within North Dakota Native American
10 service areas and reservations vary widely, ranging from a nontribe owned and operated
11 nursing facility to unlicensed facilities and home-based care provided under several entitlement
12 programs; and

13 **WHEREAS**, coordination and application of various Native American long-term care
14 programs and service components are directed by tribal policy and organizational structure; and

15 **WHEREAS**, some states, including the state of Washington, have specially targeted
16 service programs for residents of reservations and case management has been employed to
17 coordinate the care arrangement and delivery; and

18 **WHEREAS**, various noninstitutional care components appear to be available on
19 reservations, but service arrangement and delivery may not be adequately coordinated and
20 case management services for elderly reservation residents, if available, could result in a
21 significant increase in the effectiveness of service delivery for that population;

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

- 1 That the Legislative Council study Native American long-term care and case
- 2 management needs and access to appropriate services and the functional relationship between
- 3 state service units and the Native American reservation service systems; and
- 4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 5 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 6 the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.