

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4029

Introduced by

Senators Tomac, Andrist

1 A concurrent resolution supporting the removal of the telecommunications local access
2 transport area (LATA) line in this state.

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1982, the United States district court created two local access transport
4 areas (LATAs) in this state as the result of the divestiture of AT & T; and

5 **WHEREAS**, this state is divided by area approximately two-thirds to the west and
6 one-third to the east by a LATA line; and

7 **WHEREAS**, LATA lines restrict telecommunications services;

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

10 That the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly supports the removal of the LATA line in this
11 state; and

12 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
13 resolution to the appropriate federal authorities including the Federal Communications
14 Commission and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and to a
15 representative of US West Communications, the North Dakota Association of Rural Telephone
16 Cooperatives, and AT & T.