

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3038
(Representatives DeKrey, Horter, Porter)
(Senators Klein, Robinson, Thane)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study organ and tissue donation and actions that may be taken at the regional, state, local, and private levels to increase organ and tissue donations.

WHEREAS, each day approximately 70 people receive an organ transplant, but another 16 people on waiting lists die because not enough organs are available; and

WHEREAS, from 1995 to 2000, the number of people waiting for organ transplantation increased by 80 percent, while the number of cadaveric donors grew by less than 12 percent; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, of the approximately 25,000 organ transplants performed in the United States, almost 7,000 of those donations came from living donors; and

WHEREAS, significant national, regional, state, and private consideration has been given to the topic of methods to increase organ and tissue donation, including creation of donor registries, with more than 20 states already having operational donor registries; and

WHEREAS, on April 5, 2004, President Bush signed into law the federal Organ Donation and Recovery Improvement Act, which authorizes \$25,000,000 in new resources for efforts to increase donation;

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

That the Legislative Council study organ and tissue donation and actions that may be taken at the regional, state, local, and private levels to increase organ and tissue donations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State