

**Sixtieth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Wednesday, January 3, 2007**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018
(Senator J. Lee)
(Representative Boucher)

A concurrent resolution expressing support for long-term care choices, including home and community-based services, for North Dakotans with disabilities and older adults.

WHEREAS, the public interest would best be served by a broad array of long-term care services that promote individual autonomy, dignity, and choice for older adults and those with disabilities, including more home and community-based services to give all North Dakotans who are older adults or who have a disability, free choice in planning and managing their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly recognizes that nursing home care is also a critical part of the state's long-term care continuum and that such services should continue to promote individual dignity, autonomy, and a homelike environment to the greatest extent possible;

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

That the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly supports long-term care choices, including home and community-based services, for North Dakotans with disabilities and older adults to:

1. Plan and manage their own lives to the greatest extent possible;
2. Participate in the planning and operation of community-based services;
3. Receive information that will allow them to make informed care decisions;
4. Choose to remain in their communities and in their homes when appropriate to their needs and when it can be reasonably accommodated taking into account the resources available to the state and the needs of others with disabilities;
5. Meet their needs through a care system in a culturally sensitive way;
6. Support family members and other persons providing voluntary care; and
7. Make care choices from a long-term care continuum that is visible, trusted, and easily accessed.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2007,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State