

**Sixty-first Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2009**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3011
(Representative Porter)
(Senator G. Lee)

A concurrent resolution endorsing the concept of regional capability response to manmade and natural disasters in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, North Dakota is prone to natural disasters, is vulnerable to manmade disasters, and is susceptible to a terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is a rural state and depends upon volunteer and limited numbers of response discipline personnel for initial disaster response; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security through the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services has provided substantial funds to response disciplines throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the resources of firefighters, hospitals, emergency medical responders, law enforcement, and public works personnel for equipment, training, and exercises for first response are limited; and

WHEREAS, strategic placement of response equipment and increased cooperation of response disciplines in North Dakota are necessary; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has embarked on a comprehensive program to consolidate response through the establishment of regional response areas strategically placed within North Dakota;

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

That the Legislative Assembly endorses the concept of regional capability response to manmade and natural disasters in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that future Homeland Security funding for response distribution be adjusted to accommodate this cooperative effort; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to the North Dakota Firefighters Association, Fire Chiefs Association, Peace Officers Association, Sheriffs Association, Emergency Medical Association, Health Care Association, Public Works Association, North Dakota Emergency Management Association, North Dakota League of Cities, North Dakota Association of Counties, United States Department of Homeland Security, and to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

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at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State