

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3056
(Representatives Buffalo, Boschee, J. Nelson, Satrom, Strinden)
(Senators Heckaman, Hogan, Kannianen, Marcellais, Mathern, Oban)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the issues and data reporting challenges related to missing and murdered indigenous people and human trafficking cases.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 39,000 indigenous people living in the state; and

WHEREAS, indigenous people are victimized by human trafficking at rates higher than that of the general population; and

WHEREAS, indigenous people are more than twice as likely to experience violent crimes and at least twice as likely to experience rape and sexual assault crimes compared to other races; and

WHEREAS, at least four out of five indigenous people have experienced violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, on some reservations, indigenous women are murdered at more than 10 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, homicide is the third leading cause of death among indigenous women between 10 and 24 years of age; and

WHEREAS, cases involving the disappearances of indigenous people often are difficult to track, investigate, and prosecute in part due to jurisdictional challenges, lack of resources, and lack of communication and coordination among federal, state, and tribal officials;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the issues and data reporting challenges related to missing and murdered indigenous people and human trafficking cases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh 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 _____, 2019,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State