

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4010

Introduced by

Senators Myrdal, Boehm, Elkin

Representatives Motschenbacher, Steiner

1 A concurrent resolution designating the Winchester Model 1876 as North Dakota's state firearm.

2 **WHEREAS**, the Winchester Model 1876 was introduced as the Centennial Rifle in 1876
3 and was a larger-framed, more powerful version of the Model 1873; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Winchester Model 1876 was a powerful firearm with great stopping
5 capabilities and its in-the-field reliability was well-respected by frontiersmen; and

6 **WHEREAS**, notable people to have used the Winchester Model 1876 include the Texas
7 Rangers, Canadian Mounted Police, Chiricahua Apache war chief Geronimo, and avid hunter
8 President Theodore Roosevelt; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Winchester Model 1876 was President Theodore Roosevelt's first hunting
10 rifle, which he purchased at the age of 22; and

11 **WHEREAS**, President Theodore Roosevelt visited the North Dakota badlands in 1884 to
12 hunt buffalo with his trusted Model 1876 and claimed North Dakota to be the love of his life; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the Winchester Model 1876 was discontinued in 1898, after 63,871 guns had
14 been produced;

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

17 That the Sixty-eighth Legislative Assembly designates the Winchester Model 1876 as North
18 Dakota's state firearm; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
20 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the Governor, and the Attorney
21 General.