

TO: ND Legislature, Senate State & Local Government Committee; Senator Roers Chairman

DATE: February 9, 2023

RE: SCR 4007

Senator Roers and State & Local Government Committee:

I am writing in support of SCR 4007. Search and Rescue teams are essential members of the emergency services team that includes law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire. Search and Rescue is the only member of the team that does not have a state recognized and supported association.

A state association for search and rescue would improve the ability for search and rescue teams to recruit, train, and perform when needed. In much of the testimony you have before you, there are multiple examples where search and rescue teams are required and worked with the emergency response teams.

This is an opportunity to create a vehicle that will build the partnerships among entities to better serve the residents of North Dakota in situations that may be the worst day(s) of their lives.

Thank you for your consideration, time, and effort on this resolution. I encourage you to vote YES for SCR 4007

Thank you,



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