

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging the Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service to
2 improve mail processing across the state to address delivery issues.

3 **WHEREAS**, the United States Postal Service originally was formed to ensure timely notice
4 and to encourage citizens to participate in government; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Postal Service serves a crucial role in providing reliable mail
6 delivery to all individuals and businesses in the state; and

7 **WHEREAS**, rural residents especially rely on the mail for delivery of goods and services not
8 available except at long distances, including medicine and other necessities; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the majority of official county newspapers are the sole news sources that cover
10 time-sensitive government actions and contain important public notices regarding state and
11 local elections, sample ballots, and information about polling places; and

12 **WHEREAS**, notices of estate proceedings, notice to creditors, and land sales must be
13 timely made for the facilitation of legal processes in the state's court system; and

14 **WHEREAS**, small businesses rely on incoming client payments through the mail for positive
15 cash flow to pay employees; and

16 **WHEREAS**, efficient mail processing and clear communication about mail processing is
17 essential for the effectiveness and public trust in the postal system; and

18 **WHEREAS**, late and inconsistent mail delivery causes significant disruptions to the state's
19 business community; and

20 **WHEREAS**, challenges in reporting issues or obtaining clear and timely information from
21 the United States Postal Service causes a lack of transparency and customer satisfaction; and

22 **WHEREAS**, advancements in technology and operational processes offer opportunities for
23 the United States Postal Service to improve its mail processing capabilities; and

24 **WHEREAS**, standardized communication procedures regarding mail processing and
25 disruption remedies offer transparency to people using the postal service; and

1 **WHEREAS**, commitment to providing timely updates on frequently used channels of
2 communication regarding known service disruptions or operational changes affecting mail
3 delivery provides accessible and necessary information to customers;

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

6 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Postmaster General of the United
7 States Postal Service to improve mail processing and transparency across the state to address
8 delivery issues; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution
10 to the Postmaster General of the United States Postal Service and each member of the North
11 Dakota Congressional Delegation.