Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4012

Introduced by

Senators Klein, Erbele, Lemm

Representatives Beltz, Nelson

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to permit the use of M-44 sodium cyanide devices on

2 private land.

3 **WHEREAS**, M-44 sodium cyanide devices are effective tools used to control wild animals

4 that prey upon livestock, as well as threatened and endangered species; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services uses the M-44

6 sodium cyanide devices to control predators and assist livestock producers; and

7 **WHEREAS**, when properly used, M-44 sodium cyanide devices pose no occupational risk

8 to humans; and

9 **WHEREAS**, United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services has employed strict

10 safety precautions including the use of warning signs and placing the devices only on private

11 land with written permission from the landowner; and

12 WHEREAS, the loss of the M-44 sodium cyanide device would impair the duties of the

13 United States Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services and would result in severe economic

14 consequences if predators remain unchecked;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE

16 HOUSE CONCURRING THEREIN:

17 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to permit the use of M-44 sodium

18 cyanide devices on private land; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution

20 to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Majority and Minority

21 Leaders of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the North Dakota

22 Congressional Delegation.