

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3037**

Introduced by

Representative Rios

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Seventieth Legislative Assembly to consider enacting
2 mandatory reporting requirements for public officials.

3 **WHEREAS**, the protection of children and vulnerable populations is a fundamental
4 responsibility of government; and

5 **WHEREAS**, individuals entrusted with positions of leadership and authority bear a greater
6 responsibility to uphold justice and protect the vulnerable; and

7 **WHEREAS**, child exploitation, abuse, and trafficking are among the most heinous crimes;
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, a public official who participates in, enables, or knowingly conceals child
10 exploitation has betrayed his or her oath of office, contributed to the destruction of innocent
11 lives, and allowed evil to thrive under the protection of power and privilege; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the concealment of and participation in child exploitation within governmental
13 institutions represents a severe breach of duty that demands heightened accountability,
14 including criminal penalties and permanent removal from public service;

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

17 That the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the Seventieth Legislative Assembly to
18 consider enacting legislation to make public officials mandatory reporters.