

**In Support of SCR 4006:** *"I strongly support SCR 4006 and urge the committee to pass this resolution to show that North Dakota stands behind the federal protection of the TRNP wild horses."*

### **1. The TRNP Wild Horses Are a Vital Part of North Dakota's History & Culture**

- The Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) wild horses are living symbols of North Dakota's Western heritage and history.
- These horses trace their lineage to the early ranching era and embody the spirit of the American West.
- Protecting them ensures future generations can experience a piece of our state's past.

### **2. The Horses Contribute to Tourism & the Local Economy**

- Thousands of visitors travel to North Dakota specifically to see these wild horses, benefiting local businesses, hotels, and restaurants.
- The economic impact of wildlife tourism in TRNP is substantial—removing the horses would hurt the tourism-driven economy of Medora and surrounding communities.

### **3. This Resolution Aligns with the Interests of North Dakotans**

- A large majority of North Dakotans and Americans support keeping wild horses in TRNP. ● The state's voice matters—this resolution sends a **strong** message to federal lawmakers that North Dakotans want these horses protected.

### **4. Federal Protection Is the Best Path for Long-Term Preservation**

- Without federal protection, the TRNP wild horses are vulnerable to removal by the National Park Service (NPS).
- The TRNP herd deserves the same recognition and safeguards as federal herds for future generations.

### **5. The Resolution Is a First Step—It Does Not Create Federal Protection, But It Helps**

- SCR 4006 does **not** grant federal protection—it urges North Dakota's congressional delegation to take action.
- Having state support makes it easier to advance federal efforts to protect the herd.
- This resolution is a crucial part of the long-term fight to preserve the horses.

### **6. A Balanced Approach Is Possible**

- There are responsible solutions that allow for a managed herd within the park.
- Federal protection can ensure humane management practices while maintaining the

ecological balance of the park.