

**Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 9, 2001**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3044
(Representatives Sandvig, Carlson, B. Thoreson)
(Senators Krauter, T. Mathern, O'Connell)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a putative fathers' adoption registry.

WHEREAS, a "putative father" is a man who may be a child's father, but who was not married to the child's mother before the child was born and has not established the fact that he is the father in a court proceeding; and

WHEREAS, in most cases, North Dakota law requires that both parents give consent to an adoption; and

WHEREAS, a putative fathers' adoption registry could serve to protect the legal rights of the father as well as simplify the process for families that want to adopt and for adoption social workers and other professionals who must make sure that a child is "legally free" for adoption; and

WHEREAS, a number of states, including Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, and New Mexico have enacted legislation to create a putative fathers' adoption registry;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a putative fathers' adoption registry; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2001,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State