

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3017
(Representatives Kerzman, L. Meier, Thoreson)
(Senators Erbele, Robinson)

A concurrent resolution urging Congress to pass a human life amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly finds that the state of North Dakota has a compelling and paramount interest in the preservation and protection of the life of all human beings; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly finds that the life of a human being should be protected at every stage of biological development; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Assembly finds that abortion procedures impose significant risks to the health and life of the pregnant mother, including subjecting her to significant risk of severe depression, suicidal ideation, suicide, attempted suicide, posttraumatic stress disorders, physical injury, and a greater risk of death than risks associated with carrying the unborn child to full term and childbirth; and

WHEREAS, the inalienable right to life is found not only in the Declaration of Independence but also in the Constitution of the United States which the senators and representatives of Congress, the members of the several state legislatures, and all federal and state executive and judicial officers are sworn to preserve, protect, and defend; and

WHEREAS, the 5th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States guarantee that no person may be deprived of life without due process of law; and

WHEREAS, Congress has the power and responsibility to enforce the guarantees contained in the 5th, 13th, and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, which guarantee to all persons the right not to be deprived of life without due process of law, the right to the equal protection of the law, and the right to be free from involuntary servitude and the power to enforce such guarantees includes the power to expand the definition of persons entitled to such guarantees; and

WHEREAS, abortion is a deprivation of the right to life and the right to the equal protection of the law and is the ultimate manifestation of the involuntary servitude of one human being to another;

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

That the Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly strongly urges the Congress of the United States to pass and all state executive and judicial officers to support an amendment to the Constitution of the United States recognizing that the inalienable right to life is vested in each human being and guaranteeing that no human being may be deprived the equal protection of the law without due process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Governor of North Dakota, and the Chief Justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State