

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3017**

Introduced by

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

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

6 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly finds that the life of a human being begins at  
7 fertilization when the human sperm unites with the human ovum; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the Legislative Assembly finds that the explosion of knowledge derived  
9 from new recombinant DNA technologies over the past 25 years has reinforced the validity of  
10 the finding of this scientific fact; and

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

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

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

22 **WHEREAS**, Congress has the power and responsibility to enforce the guarantees  
23 contained in the 5th, 13th, and 14th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of  
24 America, which guarantee to all persons the right not to be deprived of life without due process  
25 of law, the right to the equal protection of the law, and the right to be free from involuntary

1 servitude and the power to enforce such guarantees includes the power to expand the definition  
2 of persons entitled to such guarantees; and

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

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

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

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