

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.**

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Bureau of Indian Affairs to expedite its review process of the  
2 proposed clean fuels refinery on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Legislative Assembly has learned that the Three Affiliated  
4 Tribes - Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, one of North Dakota's Indian Nations, has  
5 encountered difficulty with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in constructing a clean fuels refinery on  
6 the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation proposes to construct a 15,000  
8 barrel per stream day petroleum refinery on the Fort Berthold Reservation near the town of  
9 Makoti in Ward County, North Dakota; and

10 **WHEREAS**, this refinery will be a new state-of-the-art refinery that will be able to meet  
11 current and proposed Environmental Protection Agency regulations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, this project will employ 600 to 1,000 people during the construction phase  
13 and will create 65 permanent jobs with additional jobs created in the local service industry; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the financial benefits from the refinery will affect all surrounding  
15 communities by providing much needed jobs as well as improving the living standards on the  
16 reservation; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the final environmental impact statement is pending approval by the  
18 Bureau of Indian Affairs; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Indian Affairs must expedite its review process so that the  
20 required permits may be issued and construction on this much needed project may commence;

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

23 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly urges the Bureau of Indian Affairs to expedite  
24 its review process of the proposed clean fuels refinery on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North  
25 Dakota; and

- 1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
- 2 resolution to the Secretary of the Interior; the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and
- 3 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.