

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.**

Introduced by

Senator Krauter

1 A concurrent resolution declaring the renewable energy policy of the Legislative Assembly.

2 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is blessed with an abundance of diverse energy resources;

3 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota possesses the country's greatest wind resources;

4 **WHEREAS**, renewable energy production promotes sustainable rural economic  
5 development by creating new jobs and stimulating business and economic activity in local  
6 communities across North Dakota;

7 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota is a leader in developing advanced technology in capture,  
8 transport, and storage of carbon dioxide from power plants;

9 **WHEREAS**, increased use of renewable energy will enhance the country's energy  
10 self-sufficiency and independence;

11 **WHEREAS**, fuel diversity, economic, and environmental benefits from renewable  
12 energy production accrue to the public at large, and therefore all consumers and utilities should  
13 support expanded development of these resources to meet the state's electricity demand and  
14 stabilize electricity prices;

15 **WHEREAS**, 28 other states have adopted renewable portfolio standards; and

16 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota has an objective that 10 percent of all retail electricity sold in  
17 the state be obtained from renewable energy and recycled energy by 2015.

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

20 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly supports mandating a goal of 25 percent of the  
21 state and nation's energy supply come from renewable energy resources by the year 2025; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly supports a  
23 long-term extension of the production tax credit for renewable sources, including wind energy.