

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative Froelich

1 A concurrent resolution for the amendment of section 18 of article X of the Constitution of North
2 Dakota, relating to state ownership of an oil refinery.

3 **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

4 This measure provides for state ownership or investment in an oil refinery.

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

7 That the following proposed amendment to section 18 of article X of the Constitution of
8 North Dakota is agreed to and must be submitted to the qualified electors of North Dakota at
9 the general election to be held in 2010, in accordance with section 16 of article IV of the
10 Constitution of North Dakota.

11 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 18 of article X of the Constitution of North Dakota
12 is amended and reenacted as follows:

13 **Section 18.** The state, any county or city may make internal improvements and may
14 engage in any industry, enterprise or business, not prohibited by article XX of the constitution,
15 but except as otherwise provided in this section neither the state nor any political subdivision
16 thereof shall otherwise loan or give its credit or make donations to or in aid of any individual,
17 association or corporation except for reasonable support of the poor, nor subscribe to or
18 become the owner of capital stock in any association or corporation. The state may invest up
19 to two hundred million dollars in ownership interest of an oil refinery as authorized by the
20 legislative assembly.