

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.

Introduced by

Representative Mock

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Legislative Assembly to declare September as Childhood
2 Cancer Awareness month.

3 **WHEREAS**, childhood cancer is an indiscriminate disease that strikes without warning;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, each year approximately 12,400 American families learn that their son or
6 daughter, grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor, or friend has been diagnosed with childhood
7 cancer; and

8 **WHEREAS**, new medical protocols have improved the diagnosis and treatment of
9 childhood cancers, resulting in a five-year survival rate of more than 80 percent; and

10 **WHEREAS**, much still needs to be done to identify the causes of childhood cancer, to
11 better understand the biology of childhood cancer, and to evaluate promising anticancer drugs;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the fight against childhood cancer forces all of us to examine our faith and
14 fate, to redefine courage and dignity, and to believe in miracles;

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

17 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly declares the month of September to be
18 Childhood Cancer Awareness month and urges each citizen to remember always the children
19 who we loved but lost to cancer; to pray for positive outcomes on behalf of the children who are
20 battling cancer; to hope that those who are in remission and those who are survivors will have
21 long, happy, healthy, and productive lives; to thank the wonderful caregivers who have devoted
22 their lives to helping children with cancer; to encourage the talented physicians and researchers
23 who each day strive so hard to find a cure; and to promise that one day soon we will rid our
24 world of this devastating disease; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this
- 2 resolution to each child in the state currently undergoing cancer treatment.