

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4018

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution recognizing the components of sustainable agriculture in this state.

2 **WHEREAS**, in 2000 the world population was 6 billion and by 2025 it is predicted to
3 reach 8 billion--an increase of 33 percent; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1965 there were 1.1 acres of arable land per person and by 2025 there
5 will be under 0.5 acre per person available for food production; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in order to feed a growing world population, higher yields must be taken
7 from fewer acres; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in order to obtain higher yields, improved management practices must
9 focus on higher input and resource use efficiencies, adequate crop protection, advanced
10 genetics, crop management practices that minimize soil erosion, enhanced soil productivity,
11 and improved water quality and irrigation management; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in order for present-day producers to leave the land more fertile and
13 productive so that future generations can be fed, production technologies based on the latest
14 scientific research must be employed and producers must move forward aggressively with
15 emerging technologies;

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

18 That the Sixty-first Legislative Assembly recognizes that considerations of future food
19 adequacy, efficiency of resource use, environmental impact, and profitability for producers are,
20 when paired with modern technologies in the food production system, in fact, the components
21 of sustainable agriculture; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this
23 resolution to the United States Secretary of Agriculture and to each member of the North
24 Dakota Congressional Delegation.