

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4016**

Introduced by

Senators Sitte, Bowman, Robinson

Representatives Dosch, Trottier, Belter

1 A concurrent resolution to rescind an application made by the Sixty-second Legislative  
2 Assembly to the Congress of the United States to call a convention pursuant to the terms of  
3 Article V of the United States Constitution for proposing an amendment to the Constitution.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly adopted 2011 House Concurrent  
5 Resolution No. 3048, which made application to the Congress of the United States for the  
6 calling of a convention for the sole purpose of voting to propose or voting not to propose the  
7 following specific amendment to the United States Constitution:

8 "Article\_\_\_\_. The Congress, on Application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the  
9 several States, which all contain an identical Amendment, shall call a Convention solely;  
10 and to decide whether to propose that specific Amendment to the States, which if proposed  
11 shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified  
12 pursuant to Article V."; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution has been amended many times in the history of  
14 this nation and may be amended many more times, without the need to resort to a constitutional  
15 convention, and has been interpreted for more than 200 years and has been found to be a  
16 sound document that protects the lives and liberties of the citizens; and

17 **WHEREAS**, there is great danger in a new constitution or in opening the United States  
18 Constitution to sweeping changes, the adoption of which would only create legal chaos in this  
19 nation and only begin the process of another two centuries of litigation over its meaning and  
20 interpretation;

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

23 That the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota rescinds the application made by  
24 the Sixty-second Legislative Assembly through House Concurrent Resolution No. 3048 to

Sixty-third  
Legislative Assembly

1 request the Congress of the United States to call a convention pursuant to the terms of Article V  
2 of the United States Constitution for proposing an amendment to the Constitution; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
4 to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Clerk of the United States  
5 House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, the Secretary of the  
6 United States Senate, every member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation, and the  
7 presiding officers of each house of the legislatures of the several states.