

**Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3026

(Representatives Kasper, Beadle, Boschee, Guggisberg, Hanson, Hawken, Hogan, M. Johnson,
Thoreson)

(Senators Davison, Sinner, Sorvaag)

A concurrent resolution recognizing February 14, 2015, as "National Socks for the Homeless Day" in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, according to data released by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 2013, there were 2,069 homeless individuals in this state and more than 600,000 across the nation; and

WHEREAS, clean, dry socks are a basic need and a lack of socks can result in frostbite, blisters, ulcer formations, and even amputation; and

WHEREAS, clean, dry socks serve to decrease the likelihood of fungal and bacterial infections that can be harbored in a shoe liner and lead to cellulitis; and

WHEREAS, clean, dry socks protect feet from the internal structures of shoes and help to insulate feet from cold surfaces; and

WHEREAS, new socks for children can mean not having splinters, and not having fungal toenail infections, which can result from borrowing other children's shoes or wearing donated hand-me-downs without socks; and

WHEREAS, socks can make so much difference for a homeless individual; and

WHEREAS, single mothers and children who have one pair of socks, which can last only so long, are given dignity when they own new, nontattered socks; and

WHEREAS, clothing donations for the homeless and the needy rarely include socks; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness regarding the plight of homeless individuals and the medical problems associated with being homeless and sockless;

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

That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly recognizes February 14, 2015, as "National Socks for the Homeless Day" in North Dakota; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution to the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate