

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution encouraging North Dakota citizens to purchase United States flags
2 made out of hemp and manufactured in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress passed an Act to establish an
4 official flag for our new nation; and

5 **WHEREAS**, for more than 200 years, the United States flag has served as a symbol of our
6 nation's unity, freedom, and patriotism, as well as a source of pride and inspiration for millions of
7 citizens;

8 **WHEREAS**, historians assert the first United States flags were made from hemp; and

9 **WHEREAS**, hemp is stronger and more durable than cotton; and

10 **WHEREAS**, hemp fades less than other fabrics; and

11 **WHEREAS**, state law prohibits state entities or political subdivisions from purchasing a
12 United States flag unless the flag was manufactured in the United States; and

13 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota citizens should demonstrate their patriotism by supporting local
14 businesses in our state which manufacture United States flags made out of durable materials,
15 such as hemp;

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

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all North Dakota citizens are encouraged to purchase
19 United States flags made out of hemp and manufactured in North Dakota; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
21 to the commissioner of commerce and members of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.