

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4047**

Introduced by

Senators DeMers, Holmberg, C. Nelson, Nething, Traynor

Representative Svedjan

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study methods to preserve and  
2 provide access to state publications in an electronic format.

3 **WHEREAS**, state agencies are moving toward producing publications solely in an  
4 electronic format; and

5 **WHEREAS**, an electronic catalog of state documents does not exist in the statewide  
6 library system; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the state does not have a coordinated approach or plan for preserving or  
8 providing access to electronic publications; and

9 **WHEREAS**, without a state preservation and access policy, researchers, historians, and  
10 agencies irretrievably lose sources necessary for the interpretation of the state's history and  
11 citizens find fewer permanent guides to past and present activities of their government; and

12 **WHEREAS**, agencies directly interested in developing a preservation and access policy  
13 include the State Library, the State Archivist, the Information Services Division, the Secretary of  
14 State, the University System, the NDSU Extension Service, Job Service North Dakota, the  
15 Department of Health, the Water Commission, the Game and Fish Department, the State  
16 Auditor, the Public Service Commission, the Office of Management and Budget, and the  
17 Supreme Court; and

18 **WHEREAS**, as state agencies develop information technology plans, the opportunity to  
19 integrate a policy of preservation and extended access to the publications appears feasible;

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

22 That the Legislative Council study methods to preserve and provide access to state  
23 publications in an electronic format; and

- 1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
- 2   recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3   the Fifty-seventh Legislative Assembly.