

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4057**

Introduced by

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Representatives Drovdal, L. Thoreson

(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

1 A concurrent resolution urging the Governor to declare October 9, 1999, through October 8,  
2 2000, "Leif Ericson Year".

3 **WHEREAS**, North America will be observing the 1000-year anniversary of Leif Ericson's  
4 voyage to North America; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the Sons of Norway International is planning major events throughout the  
6 United States and Canada to celebrate "Leif Ericson Year", October 9, 1999, through  
7 October 8, 2000; and

8 **WHEREAS**, because of the strong Scandinavian presence in North Dakota, it is  
9 appropriate for the state to pay special recognition to Leif Ericson's daring voyage; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to foster an awareness of Nordic traditions, philosophies,  
11 and contributions to the State of North Dakota and North America as we best understand the  
12 Viking culture as the fountain of democratic life; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a national Leif Ericson Millennium Committee has been organized under  
14 the auspices of the Leif Ericson Society International which is mobilizing for a yearlong  
15 continental tribute;

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

18 That the Governor declare October 9, 1999, through October 8, 2000, "Leif Ericson  
19 Year" so that the state may best observe the Nordic traditions and these tradition's contributions  
20 to our culture; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the  
22 Governor to appoint a statewide committee of prominent Vikings to organize appropriate events  
23 of recognition which will do honor to the memory and the spirit of that outstanding Viking, Leif  
24 Ericson; and

- 1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward an enrolled copy of
- 2 this resolution to Governor Edward T. Schafer and to the President of Sons of Norway
- 3 International.