

Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4057
(Senators Lyson, W. Stenehjem)
(Representatives Drovdal, L. Thoreson)
(Approved by the Delayed Bills Committee)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 1999,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State