

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3049

Introduced by

Representatives Sandvig, Disrud, Gulleson, Kliniske

Senators Kilzer, Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the effect of obesity on health
2 care costs and methods to expand awareness of the problem of obesity and improve treatment
3 modalities.

4 **WHEREAS**, obesity ranks second to smoking as a preventable cause of death; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that
6 the obesity rate among North Dakota adults has increased from 12.9 percent in 1991 to 18.7
7 percent in 1998; and

8 **WHEREAS**, a causal relationship exists between obesity and a number of serious
9 disorders, including hypertension, dyslipidemia, cardiovascular disease, type-two diabetes, gall
10 bladder disease, respiratory dysfunction, gout, and osteoarthritis; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a 1997 study by Kaiser Permanente concluded that there is a significant
12 potential for reduction in health care expenditures through obesity prevention efforts; and

13 **WHEREAS**, it is critical to raise the awareness of the public and private sectors that
14 although obesity is a disease of epidemic proportions, obesity is a treatable disease;

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

17 That the Legislative Council study the effect of obesity on health care costs and
18 methods to expand awareness of the problem of obesity and improve treatment modalities; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and
20 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
21 the Fifty-eighth Legislative Assembly.