

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3037

Introduced by

Representatives Mahoney, Onstad, Wikenheiser

Senators Tomac, Urlacher, Wardner

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability
2 of creating cost-sharing or funding mechanisms for the unexpected discovery of cultural
3 resources within local road projects.

4 **WHEREAS**, the unexpected discovery of cultural resources after a local road project
5 has begun can create an enormous fiscal burden on the local road authority; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the local road authority has almost no control over the extent of
7 investigation that results and has few options except termination or redesign of the project upon
8 discovery of unexpected cultural resources; and

9 **WHEREAS**, a cost-sharing or funding mechanism including appropriate state agencies
10 and the local road authority would diffuse the risk of unexpectedly discovering cultural
11 resources;

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

14 That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of creating cost-sharing
15 or funding mechanisms for the unexpected discovery of cultural resources within local road
16 projects; and

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