

**Fifty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 4, 2005**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3022
(Representatives Sandvig, Charging, S. Meyer)
(Senators Bercier, Every, Triplett)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study data regarding cervical cancer and human papillomavirus, evaluate current methods of public education and access to regular cervical cancer screening, and consider options for increasing screening accuracy.

WHEREAS, cervical cancer is the second most common cancer in women worldwide after breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, according to United States cervical cancer statistics, cervical cancer is the third most common gynecological cancer among American women, accounting for approximately 12,200 new cases diagnosed annually, with 4,100 of these cases resulting in fatalities; and

WHEREAS, cervical cancer cases in the United States are generally attributed to lack of education, lack of access to regular cervical cancer screening, and lack of screening accuracy; and

WHEREAS, new screening technologies, including Food and Drug Administration-approved testing for human papillomavirus, which is the cause of virtually all cervical cancers, offer new opportunities to eliminate this potentially deadly disease through early identification of women at increased risk; and

WHEREAS, women are entitled to proper cervical cancer information, so that they can be empowered to make informed health care decisions, and to access to routine screening, including the most accurate methods available;

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

That the Legislative Council study data regarding cervical cancer and human papillomavirus, evaluate current methods of public education and access to regular cervical cancer screening, and consider options for increasing screening accuracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixtieth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2005,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State