

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3038**

Introduced by

Representatives DeKrey, Horter, Porter

Senators Klein, Robinson, Thane

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study organ and tissue donation and  
2 actions that may be taken at the regional, state, local, and private levels to increase organ and  
3 tissue donations.

4 **WHEREAS**, each day approximately 70 people receive an organ transplant, but another  
5 16 people on waiting lists die because not enough organs are available; and

6 **WHEREAS**, from 1995 to 2000, the number of people waiting for organ transplantation  
7 increased by 80 percent, while the number of cadaveric donors grew by less than 12 percent;  
8 and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2003, of the approximately 25,000 organ transplants performed in the  
10 United States, almost 7,000 of those donations came from living donors; and

11 **WHEREAS**, significant national, regional, state, and private consideration has been  
12 given to the topic of methods to increase organ and tissue donation, including creation of donor  
13 registries, with more than 20 states already having operational donor registries; and

14 **WHEREAS**, on April 5, 2004, President Bush signed into law the federal Organ  
15 Donation and Recovery Improvement Act, which authorizes \$25,000,000 in new resources for  
16 efforts to increase donation;

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

19 That the Legislative Council study organ and tissue donation and actions that may be  
20 taken at the regional, state, local, and private levels to increase organ and tissue donations;  
21 and

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