

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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3043
(Representatives Sitte, Charging, Horter, Kreidt)
(Senators Holmberg, Triplett)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the need for supportive housing and services, including emergency shelters, transition housing, and permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families with children.

WHEREAS, a survey of key leaders representing cities, counties, reservations, public housing authorities, banks, realtors, apartment associations, builders, and statewide housing organizations found that three out of four key leaders expressed the need for the state to play a role in increasing the supply of adequate and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the quality of life for homeless individuals and families with children in this state is threatened by a lack of affordable and supportive housing and services; and

WHEREAS, in November 2004 the North Dakota State University Data Center issued a statewide housing needs assessment that recommended special attention be given to housing for special needs populations, including the homeless; and

WHEREAS, there is an unmet housing need in this state for approximately 2,000 beds for homeless individuals and families with children; and

WHEREAS, the benefit of supportive housing for homeless individuals and families with children would be increased quality of life, increased length of employment, reduced time spent in emergency rooms, jails, and detoxification units, and reduced costs to the county and the state;

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

That the Legislative Council study the need for supportive housing and services, including emergency shelters, transition housing, and permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families with children; 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