Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

Introduced by

1	A resolution of support for expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center.
2	WHEREAS, the North Dakota Heritage Center, which began as a 1976 United States
3	bicentennial project for the state, opened its doors in 1981; and
4	WHEREAS, the original gallery, collection storage, laboratories, and offices were
5	designed for a 20-year plan and designed to be expanded; and
6	WHEREAS, Phase 1 of the North Dakota Heritage Center expansionexpansion of the
7	state archiveswas completed in 2007; and
8	WHEREAS, Phase 2 of the expansion will double the existing exhibit, visitor services,
9	programming, collections storage, laboratories, and office space by adding 97,000 square feet
10	of space; and
11	WHEREAS, a significant aspect of the expansion will be the Early Peoples Gallery,
12	which will cover over 10,000 years of the earliest human history in what is now North Dakota;
13	and
14	WHEREAS, the Early Peoples Gallery will highlight early occupation and exploration up
15	to the establishment of Dakota Territory in 1861;
16	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS
17	COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT:
18	That the North Dakota Legislative Management's Tribal and State Relations Committee
19	supports expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center; and
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Dakota Legislative Management's Tribal
21	and State Relations Committee supports the fundraising efforts of the State Historical Society of
22	North Dakota and the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation; and
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that interested persons are encouraged to financially
24	support expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center.