

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4017

Introduced by

Senators Wardner, Hogue, Schneider

Representatives Delmore, Klemin, K. Koppelman

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary to support
2 S. 2536, the Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act, to provide for more stringent
3 inquiry into the age and circumstances of those whose availability is being advertised on
4 websites that facilitate human trafficking.

5 **WHEREAS**, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), human trafficking is the
6 fastest-growing business of organized crime in the world; and

7 **WHEREAS**, it is estimated human trafficking generates nearly \$150 billion each year in
8 illegal profits; and

9 **WHEREAS**, according to the FBI, nearly 300,000 American youths are at risk of becoming
10 victims of commercial sexual exploitation; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in just one week in June 2014, law enforcement arrested 281 alleged sex
12 traffickers and took 168 children out of prostitution in a nationwide FBI crackdown; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the use of adult services sections on websites has created virtual brothels
14 where children are bought and sold; and

15 **WHEREAS**, current federal law makes it difficult, if not impossible, for state and local law
16 enforcement authorities to hold accountable those who use Internet websites to promote illegal
17 trade in the sex trade, in particular those trafficking in minor children;

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

20 That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the United States Senate Committee on
21 the Judiciary to support S. 2536, the Stop Advertising Victims of Exploitation (SAVE) Act, to
22 provide for more stringent inquiry into the age and circumstances of those whose availability is
23 being advertised on websites that facilitate human trafficking; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
- 2 to the Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary and to each member
- 3 of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.