

**HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3009**

Introduced by

Representatives Roers Jones, M. Johnson, O'Brien, Pyle, Schreiber-Beck

Senators J. Lee, Oban, J. Roers, Unruh

1 A concurrent resolution recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification of the  
2 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution, which provided women the right to vote, and  
3 urging Congress to continue working to provide equal rights to women.

4 **WHEREAS**, the women's rights movement began in Seneca Falls, New York, in 1848 when  
5 the first-ever Women's Rights Convention was organized by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady  
6 Stanton; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the convention started a 72-year national battle to achieve "Votes for Women",  
8 which played out in every state capitol as well as Congress until the ratification of the  
9 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment; and

10 **WHEREAS**, 2017 marks 100 years since New York State signed women's suffrage into law,  
11 three years before the United States adopted the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment; and

12 **WHEREAS**, President Woodrow Wilson called a special session of Congress and on  
13 May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed a bill calling for a constitutional  
14 amendment with the Senate following suit on June 4, 1919; and

15 **WHEREAS**, North Dakota ratified the amendment on December 1, 1919, and on August 18,  
16 1920, ratification was completed with approval by the Tennessee General Assembly; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the 1920 election became the first United States presidential election in which  
18 women were permitted to vote in every state;

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

21 That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly recognizes the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ratification  
22 of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution and urges the Congress of the United  
23 States to continue to provide equal rights for women; and

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
25 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.