

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3037**

Introduced by

Representatives Damschen, Monson, Owens, Vigesaa

Senators Clemens, Erbele, Rust

1 A concurrent resolution clarifying the 1975 ratification by the 44th Legislative Assembly of the
2 proposed 1972 Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was valid only
3 through March 22, 1979.

4 **WHEREAS**, the 92nd Congress of the United States of America, during its second session,
5 with the constitutionally required vote of two-thirds of both houses, on March 22, 1972, gave
6 final approval to House Joint Resolution No. 208, commonly referred to as the Equal Rights
7 Amendment, to propose the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, pursuant to
8 Article V of the Constitution of the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, in offering the proposed federal constitutional amendment to America's state
10 lawmakers, the 92nd Congress chose a deadline of 7 years, or until March 22, 1979, for the
11 constitutionally mandated ratification of the amendment by three-fourths of the country's state
12 legislatures; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4007, the regular session of the
14 44th Legislative Assembly in 1975, responded by ratifying the proposed 1972 Equal Rights
15 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

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

18 That the 66th Legislative Assembly deems that the vitality of Senate Concurrent Resolution
19 No. 4077 of the 44th Legislative Assembly by which North Dakota lawmakers ratified the 1972
20 Equal Rights Amendment, officially lapsed at 11:59 p.m. on March 22, 1979; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, after March 22, 1979, the Legislative Assembly, while in
22 agreement women and men should enjoy equal rights in the eyes of the law, should not be
23 counted by Congress, the Archivist of the United States, lawmakers in any other state, any court
24 of law, or any other person, as still having on record a live ratification of the proposed Equal

1 Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States as was offered by House Joint
2 Resolution No. 208 of the 92nd Congress on March 22, 1972; and

3 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 66th Legislative Assembly respectfully requests the
4 full and complete verbatim text of this resolution be duly published in the United States Senate's
5 portion of the Congressional Record, as an official memorial to the United States Senate, and
6 that this resolution be referred to the committee of the United States Senate with appropriate
7 jurisdiction over its subject matter; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 66th Legislative Assembly respectfully requests the
9 substance of this resolution be duly entered in the United States House of Representatives'
10 portion of the Congressional Record, as an official memorial to the United States House of
11 Representatives, and that this resolution be referred to the committee of the United States
12 House of Representatives with appropriate jurisdiction over its subject matter; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
14 to the Vice President of the United States, the secretary and parliamentarian of the United
15 States Senate; the Speaker, clerk, and parliamentarian of the United States House of
16 Representatives; each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation; and the
17 Archivist of the United States at the National Archives and Records Administration in
18 Washington, D.C.