Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4017

Introduced by

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Senators Heckaman, Kannianen, Marcellais, Oehlke

Representatives Buffalo, Dobervich

A concurrent resolution directingurging the Legislative Management Indian Affairs Commission to consider studying study the dichotomy between the archaeological discipline on, cultural resources, and the knowledge and expertise of tribal elders and tribal historic preservation officers to educate local, state, and federal agencies and the public; and the facilitation ofto facilitate effective consultation and cooperation for historic and prehistoric site identification and registration and the betterment of North Dakota and its citizens. WHEREAS, historic and prehistoric sites are significant in helping to tell the story of North Dakota's history before it became a state as well as tribal history and continuity; and WHEREAS, respectful and culturally sensitive public education can help to further the goal of preserving culturally significant historic and prehistoric sites; and WHEREAS, it is important to further mutual respect and understanding between state agencies and the tribes in the state regarding historic and prehistoric cultural resource sites and landscapes in North Dakota; and WHEREAS, there is a need for state agencies, regional and private industry archaeological staff, and the public to better understand the tribal perspective on the importance, treatment, and protection of culturally significant historic and prehistoric sites in North Dakota; and WHEREAS, education and discussion regarding the archaeological and tribal perspectives on historic and prehistoric sites would help provide a framework for determining eligibility of sites to the North Dakota State Historic Sites Registry and for nominating traditional and culturally significant sites to the National Register of Historic Places; and WHEREAS, state agencies, including the Department of Transportation, the Indian Affairs Commission, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Public Service Commission, shouldcoordinate and consultis urged to consider coordinating with state agencies including the

Department of Transportation, State Historical Society, and Public Service Commission and to

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1 | consult with tribes on identification, evaluation, and preservation of culturally significant historic
 2 and prehistoric sites;

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

That the Legislative Management Indian Affairs Commission is urged to consider studying the dichotomy between the archaeological discipline on, cultural resources, and the knowledge and expertise of tribal elders and tribal historic preservation officers to educate local, state, and federal agencies and the public; and the facilitation of to facilitate effective consultation and cooperation for historic and prehistoric site identification and registration and the betterment of North Dakota and its citizens;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that <u>if studied</u>, the <u>Legislative Management</u><u>Indian Affairs</u>

<u>Commission is urged to</u> report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.