Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 6, 2015

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3028
(Representatives Mooney, D. Anderson, Boe, J. Nelson, Strinden)
(Senators Dotzenrod, Heckaman, O'Connell)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the feasibility and desirability of the establishment of county or multi-county emergency response centers outside of urban centers that already maintain emergency response agencies with around-the-clock staffing.

WHEREAS, most smaller cities and much of the rural area of North Dakota is served by fire departments and emergency medical response agencies that are staffed largely or completely by volunteers; and

WHEREAS, increased training requirements, more frequent working hour conflicts, as well as the rapidly rising number of incidents for which emergency response is needed have reduced the number of volunteers willing or able to serve and has deterred new people from volunteering; and

WHEREAS, although a few rural response agencies have been able to retain several full-time response professionals, this is not economically feasible for the vast majority of our state's volunteer entities; and

WHEREAS, some response agencies have been forced to discontinue service due to the lack of staff, further burdening the neighboring agencies;

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

That the Legislative Management study the feasibility and desirability of the establishment of county or multi-county emergency response centers staffed around-the-clock by a core of emergency response professionals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management explore funding options to support the establishment of such response centers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative Management report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this 10th day of April, 2015,

at 11:47 o'clock A M.

Secretary of State