Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4017
(Senators Heckaman, Kannianen, Marcellais, Oehlke)
(Representatives Buffalo, Dobervich)

A concurrent resolution urging the Indian Affairs Commission to study the archaeological discipline, 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 to facilitate effective consultation and cooperation for historic and prehistoric site identification 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 culturally significant sites; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Affairs Commission is urged to consider coordinating with state agencies including the Department of Transportation, State Historical Society, and Public Service Commission and to consult with tribes on identification, evaluation, and preservation of culturally significant historic and prehistoric sites;

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

That the Indian Affairs Commission is urged to consider studying the archaeological discipline, 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 to facilitate effective consultation and cooperation for historic and prehistoric site identification and the betterment of North Dakota and its citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if studied, the Indian Affairs Commission is urged to report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this 12th day of April, 2019,

at 1:38 o'clock P. M.

Secretary of State