Constitution of North Dakota - 1889

- Preamble -

We, the people of North Dakota, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

- Article I -

- Declaration of Rights -

Section 1 - All men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inalienable rights, among which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty; acquiring, possessing and protecting property and reputation; and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness.

Sec. 2. - All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for the protection, security and benefit of the people, and they have a right to alter or reform the same whenever the public good may require.

Sec. 3. - The State of North Dakota is an inseparable part of the American Union and the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land.

Schedule

Sec. 1.— That no inconvenience may arise from a change of territorial government to state government, it is declared that all writs, actions, prosecutions, claims and rights of individuals and bodies corporate shall continue as if no change of government had taken place, and all processes which may, before the organization of the judicial department under this Constitution, be issued under the authority of the Territory of Dakota shall be as valid as if issued in the name of the State.

Sec. 2.— All laws now in force in the Territory of Dakota, which are not repugnant to this Constitution, shall remain in force until they expire by their own limitations or be altered or repealed.

Sec. 3. All fines, penalties, forfeitures and escheats accruing to the Territory of Dakota shall accrue to the use of the states of North Dakota and South Dakota and may be sued for and recovered by either of said states as necessity may require.

Sec 4.— All recognizances, bonds, obligations or other undertakings heretofore taken, or which may be taken before the

publication in an independent volume, of this Constitution as soon as it shall take effect, and whenever it shall be altered or amended, and shall cause to be published in the same volume the Declaration of Independence; the Constitution of the United States and the Enabling Act.

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Done at Bismarck Dakota in Open Convention this 17th day of August A.D. 1889.
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