

**Fifty-fifth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Monday, the sixth day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven**

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4026  
(Senators DeMers, Mathern, C. Nelson)  
(Representatives Gulleson, Jensen, Wentz)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Council to study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a statewide domestic violence task force to address domestic violence prevention issues and adopt a statewide domestic violence prevention strategy.

**WHEREAS**, the problem of domestic violence continues to escalate in this state; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pervasive problem that often devastates its victims physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Supreme Court has urged a unified effort be made at all levels, including local and state, public and private, executive, legislative, and judicial, to implement the state strategy to attack and resolve the domestic violence problem in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently exists a Governor's task force that deals exclusively with the expenditure of federal Violence Against Women Act funds but does not address prevention strategies;

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

That the Legislative Council study the feasibility and desirability of establishing a statewide domestic violence task force to address domestic violence prevention issues and adopt a statewide domestic violence prevention strategy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in conducting the study, the Legislative Council investigate the availability of federal funds to assist in funding the study and seek the involvement of the North Dakota Supreme Court, the Governor, the Attorney General, and the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Council report its findings and recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

Filed in this office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997,  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Secretary of State