

Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

Introduced by

1 A resolution of support for expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center.

2 **WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Heritage Center, which began as a 1976 United States
3 bicentennial project for the state, opened its doors in 1981; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the original gallery, collection storage, laboratories, and offices were
5 designed for a 20-year plan and designed to be expanded; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Phase 1 of the North Dakota Heritage Center expansion--expansion of the
7 state archives--was completed in 2007; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Phase 2 of the expansion will double the existing exhibit, visitor services,
9 programming, collections storage, laboratories, and office space by adding 97,000 square feet
10 of space; and

11 **WHEREAS**, a significant aspect of the expansion will be the Early Peoples Gallery,
12 which will cover over 10,000 years of the earliest human history in what is now North Dakota;
13 and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Early Peoples Gallery will highlight early occupation and exploration up
15 to the establishment of Dakota Territory in 1861;

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS**
17 **COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT:**

18 That the North Dakota Legislative Management's Tribal and State Relations Committee
19 supports expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the North Dakota Legislative Management's Tribal
21 and State Relations Committee supports the fundraising efforts of the State Historical Society of
22 North Dakota and the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation; and

23 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that interested persons are encouraged to financially
24 support expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center.