

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3010

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution recognizing the efforts undertaken and the continued need for the State
2 of North Dakota and the entire United States to undertake responsible measures to harden our
3 commercial electrical grid against multiple serious threats.

4 **WHEREAS**, continued reliable operation of our national electrical grid is an absolutely vital
5 core requirement for modern society to continue to function; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the strategic vulnerability of our electrical grid to multiple threats has been
7 documented by many leaders and technical experts; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Congressional Electromagnetic Pulse Commission experts have predicted
9 worst-case impacts from these threats could take down much, if not all, of our national electrical
10 grid for an extended period, and testified a high-end electromagnetic pulse event could result in
11 the eventual death of up to ninety percent of America's population; and

12 **WHEREAS**, public and private electric utilities have taken many steps in response to these
13 threats, including the implementation of Critical Infrastructure Protection standards developed
14 by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, which includes the strategic installation of
15 appropriate hardware, such as electrical shunts and surge suppressors;

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

18 That the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly recognizes the efforts undertaken to protect our
19 state and national power grid from these serious threats, and urges state and federal regulatory
20 agencies to continue awareness of this issue and carefully coordinated efforts involving private
21 and public sectors to address the threat of electromagnetic pulse; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
23 to the Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Secretary of the
24 Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of Energy, and each member of the North
25 Dakota Congressional Delegation.