

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging the Indian Affairs Commission to study the archaeological
2 discipline, cultural resources, and the knowledge and expertise of tribal elders and tribal historic
3 preservation officers to educate local, state, and federal agencies and the public and to facilitate
4 effective consultation and cooperation for historic and prehistoric site identification and the
5 betterment of North Dakota and its citizens.

6 **WHEREAS**, historic and prehistoric sites are significant in helping to tell the story of North
7 Dakota's history before it became a state as well as tribal history and continuity; and

8 **WHEREAS**, respectful and culturally sensitive public education can help to further the goal
9 of preserving culturally significant historic and prehistoric sites; and

10 **WHEREAS**, it is important to further mutual respect and understanding between state
11 agencies and the tribes in the state regarding historic and prehistoric cultural resource sites and
12 landscapes in North Dakota; and

13 **WHEREAS**, there is a need for state agencies, regional and private industry archaeological
14 staff, and the public to better understand the tribal perspective on the importance, treatment,
15 and protection of culturally significant historic and prehistoric sites in North Dakota; and

16 **WHEREAS**, education and discussion regarding the archaeological and tribal perspectives
17 on historic and prehistoric sites would help provide a framework for determining culturally
18 significant sites; and

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

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

1 That the Indian Affairs Commission is urged to consider studying the archaeological
2 discipline, cultural resources, and the knowledge and expertise of tribal elders and tribal historic
3 preservation officers to educate local, state, and federal agencies and the public and to facilitate
4 effective consultation and cooperation for historic and prehistoric site identification and the
5 betterment of North Dakota and its citizens; and

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