

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging federal authorities to observe and respect the principles of
2 federalism and limits on federal power prescribed by the Constitution of the United States.

3 **WHEREAS**, the Constitution of the United States delegates certain enumerated powers to
4 the federal government and reserves all others, unless prohibited by the Constitution, to the
5 states and to the people; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the principle of limited federal authority is the cornerstone of state and federal
7 relations in the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, vigilant protection of the appropriate, historic, constitutional authority of states
9 within the United States of America is foundational to our American form of government and
10 critical to the sustaining of our freedoms; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the State of North Dakota long has been a champion of state prerogatives and
12 state authority under the Constitution;

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

15 That the sixty-seventh Legislative Assembly, while recognizing the important role of the
16 federal government in protecting the basic rights of all our citizens, urges federal authorities to
17 observe and respect the principles of federalism and limits on federal power prescribed by the
18 Constitution of the United States; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State of North Dakota hereby does affirm the
20 primacy of state authority with respect to those powers not expressly delegated to the federal
21 government; and

22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State of North Dakota calls upon state and federal
23 officials representing North Dakota to collaborate in their efforts to respect, advocate, and
24 defend the principles of federalism and protect the freedom and authority of this state and its
25 people, under the Constitution; and

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
2 to President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; the Majority Leader, Minority Leader, and President Pro
3 Tempore of the United States Senate; the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States
4 House of Representatives; each member of the North Dakota Congressional delegation, the
5 Governor of North Dakota, the Majority Leader, Minority Leader, and President Pro Tempore of
6 the North Dakota Senate; and the Majority Leader, Minority Leader, and Speaker of the North
7 Dakota House of Representatives.