

Sixty-fourth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 3010**

Introduced by

Representatives Meier, Beadle, Dosch, D. Johnson, Kelsh, Schatz, Steiner, Strinden
Senators Dever, Murphy

1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to study the identification of
2 properly trained assistance animals providing legitimate service to their owners, waivers of local
3 registration fees, and the effect of various local ordinances on the acquisition and use of
4 assistance animals.

5 **WHEREAS**, assistance animals are specially trained to provide specific services to their
6 handlers; and

7 **WHEREAS**, assistance animals provide to their owners the opportunity to fully participate in
8 social, educational, and occupational settings, thereby greatly enhancing the quality of their
9 owners' lives; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the owners of assistance animals have legal rights governing access to public
11 places; and

12 **WHEREAS**, individuals who falsely identify their companion animals as assistance animals
13 and individuals who, with the intent to mislead, claim that their companion animals are
14 assistance animals, negatively impact those who have a legitimate need to be accompanied by
15 a highly trained assistance animal;

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

18 That the Legislative Management shall study whether properly trained assistance animals
19 providing legitimate service to their owners should be licensed or identified in a manner that
20 readily distinguishes them from other companion animals that are falsely or fraudulently claimed
21 to be assistance animals, whether special privileges such as waivers of local registration fees
22 should be implemented for assistance animals, and whether local ordinances do or could
23 impede the acquisition and use of assistance animals; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
- 2 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
- 3 the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly.