

**Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Thursday, January 3, 2019**

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3054
(Representatives Dobervich, Weisz)
(Senators Dever, Hogan)

A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the necessary steps and resources, including funding, to eliminate human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in North Dakota.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States announced a plan in coordination with the United States Department of Health and Human Services to eliminate the transmission of HIV by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services initiative will aim to reduce new HIV infections by 75 percent within the next 5 years and 90 percent within the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with HIV infection who receive proper treatment and care can live healthy, productive lives; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with HIV infection who achieve and maintain viral suppression effectively have no risk of sexual transmission to others; and

WHEREAS, individuals at high risk for HIV infection can reduce their risk of acquiring HIV significantly by taking medications known as pre-exposure prophylaxis; and

WHEREAS, community-based testing and treatment, as well as state resources, are vital to achieve eradication of HIV transmission; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota may require additional resources to achieve the goal of ending the HIV and AIDS epidemic in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the number of new HIV infections has nearly tripled in North Dakota in the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, expanding access to education, testing, prevention services, and quality care and treatment will reduce HIV transmission in North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, data obtained from a study will identify areas in greatest need of resources for prevention and treatment; and

WHEREAS, a study will determine the funding required by the state to meet the policy goals outlined by the federal government;

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

That the Legislative Management consider studying the necessary steps and resources, including funding, to eliminate HIV and AIDS in North Dakota; and

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

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2019,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State