

Sixty-sixth
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 4002**

Introduced by

Senators Mathern, Erbele, Oban

Representatives Buffalo, B. Koppelman, Nathe

1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to address the rising costs and availability of
2 medications and health care for individuals with diabetes and coverage of those costs.

3 **WHEREAS**, approximately 65,000 adults and children in North Dakota have diabetes; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the average medical expenses for an individual with diabetes are twice as high
5 as the medical expenses for an individual who does not have diabetes; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the estimated annual cost of diabetes in North Dakota for 2014 was
7 \$700,000,000; and

8 **WHEREAS**, individuals with diabetes need regular health care, laboratory tests, and
9 prescription medications and North Dakota is concerned about the increasing costs and
10 availability of medications and health care and coverage for those costs;

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

13 That the Sixty-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to
14 address the rising costs and availability of medications and health care for individuals with
15 diabetes and coverage of those costs; and

16 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution
17 to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of
18 the United States Senate, and each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.