

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution recognizing February 14, 2015, as "National Socks for the Homeless
2 Day" in North Dakota.

3 **WHEREAS**, according to data released by the Department of Housing and Urban
4 Development, in 2013, there were 2,069 homeless individuals in this state and more than
5 600,000 across the nation; and

6 **WHEREAS**, clean, dry socks are a basic need and a lack of socks can result in frostbite,
7 blisters, ulcer formations, and even amputation; and

8 **WHEREAS**, clean, dry socks serve to decrease the likelihood of fungal and bacterial
9 infections that can be harbored in a shoe liner and lead to cellulitis; and

10 **WHEREAS**, clean, dry socks protect feet from the internal structures of shoes and help to
11 insulate feet from cold surfaces; and

12 **WHEREAS**, new socks for children can mean not having splinters, and not having fungal
13 toenail infections, which can result from borrowing other children's shoes or wearing donated
14 hand-me-downs without socks; and

15 **WHEREAS**, socks can make so much difference for a homeless individual; and

16 **WHEREAS**, single mothers and children who have one pair of socks, which can last only so
17 long, are given dignity when they own new, nontattered socks; and

18 **WHEREAS**, clothing donations for the homeless and the needy rarely include socks; and

19 **WHEREAS**, it is important to raise awareness regarding the plight of homeless individuals
20 and the medical problems associated with being homeless and sockless;

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

23 That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly recognizes February 14, 2015, as "National
24 Socks for the Homeless Day" in North Dakota; and

- 1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward a copy of this resolution
- 2 to the North Dakota Coalition for Homeless People.