

## **Resolution of Support for Lutheran Social Services of ND providing healing, help and hope.**

WHEREAS, Matthew, Chapter 25, verses 35-36, 40 reads: brothers and sisters, <sup>35</sup>“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”, and

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s constitution states the church shall serve in response to God’s love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the aged, advocating dignity and justice for all people, working for peace, and reconciliation among the nations, and standing with the poor and powerless and committing itself to their needs; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota serves as the social ministry arm of the Eastern North Dakota Synod of the ELCA, assisting one in nine North Dakotans in 2008; and

WHEREAS, LSS of ND, which is celebrating its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009, has a mission of: *guided by God’s love and grace, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota brings healing, help and hope*, and

WHEREAS, the Eastern ELCA Synod of North Dakota is one of three corporate members of Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota, and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota is conducting a \$6 million capital appeal to better serve clients and communities throughout the state; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly declares its support for Lutheran Social Services to further its mission of bringing healing, help and hope through a successful appeal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2009 Eastern North Dakota Synod Assembly encourages each congregation to participate in Lutheran Social Services’ 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities.