



2022 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6003

Introduced by: **Representative Pischke**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, declaring April 26th to be shared parenting day.**

2 WHEREAS, children are South Dakota's most important asset; and

3 WHEREAS, federal statistics indicate that children raised by one parent account for more
 4 than half of all teen suicides, juveniles in state-operated institutions, high school drop-outs,
 5 children in chemical abuse centers, prisoners, children who exhibit behavioral disorders, and
 6 homeless and runaway children; and

7 WHEREAS, shared parenting is an arrangement under which parents who are separated
 8 or divorced are given equal decision-making abilities and equal parenting time; and

9 WHEREAS, research indicates that children benefit greatly if they have a relationship with
 10 two parents who are fit caregivers; and

11 WHEREAS, shared parenting arrangements offer children the benefit of building solid
 12 relationships with both parents, provide parents with the opportunity to ensure the healthy
 13 mental, physical, and emotional development of their children, and create venues for parents
 14 to engage in positive collaborative efforts geared to the well-being of their children; and

15 WHEREAS, shared parenting arrangements recognize that even though the intimate
 16 relationship between the adults has ended, the familial relationships continue, and require
 17 nurturing and cultivation, in order to support healthy child development;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-
 19 Seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that in order
 20 to highlight the innumerable benefits of shared parenting, April 26th is declared to be shared
 21 parenting day in South Dakota.