



2024 South Dakota Legislature

House Concurrent Resolution 6011

Introduced by: **Representative Blare**

1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Urging the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) law**
2 **enforcement to establish a law enforcement training academy in South**
3 **Dakota.**

4 WHEREAS, the state of South Dakota recognizes the critical role played by tribal law
5 enforcement agencies in ensuring public safety and upholding the rule of law for all citizens;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, BIA law enforcement is tasked with maintaining law and order within certain
8 tribal communities in the state, playing a crucial role in fostering secure and thriving
9 environments for Native American residents; and

10 WHEREAS, the state of South Dakota values collaboration between state and federal
11 entities to enhance public safety initiatives and strengthen the capabilities of law enforcement
12 agencies; and

13 WHEREAS, the establishment of a BIA law enforcement training academy in South Dakota
14 would provide an opportunity to enhance the skills and training of law enforcement personnel
15 serving Native American communities, thereby contributing to the overall safety and well-
16 being of tribal members; and

17 WHEREAS, South Dakota is home to nine tribal nations, each with its unique heritage and
18 law enforcement needs, making it an ideal location for a BIA law enforcement training
19 academy that can tailor its programs to the specific challenges and nuances of the region;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the state of South Dakota is committed to supporting initiatives that promote
22 professionalism, cultural sensitivity, and excellence in law enforcement to better serve and
23 protect all residents;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Ninth
2 Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature
3 urges the BIA to establish a law enforcement training academy in South Dakota; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature encourage the BIA to collaborate with
5 tribal leaders, state law enforcement agencies, and relevant stakeholders to ensure that the
6 training programs offered at the academy address the unique needs and cultural context of
7 the tribal communities in the region; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United
9 States Secretary of the Interior, the South Dakota Congressional delegation, tribal leaders,
10 and other relevant stakeholders to express the Legislature's strong support for the
11 establishment of a BIA law enforcement training academy in the state.