

31 admission compact with the state of Utah and has failed to allow Utah dominion over the land
32 within its borders as promised upon admission;

33 WHEREAS, as a result of this asserted breach, Utah does not enjoy the same control of
34 lands and resources within its borders as do the states that do have dominion over the land
35 within their borders;

36 WHEREAS, the asserted denial of these equal sovereign rights to Utah by the federal
37 government prevents Utah from making necessary and desirable public improvements in large
38 portions of the state and growing, in those areas, the economy to its full potential;

39 WHEREAS, to remedy this asserted denial of equal sovereign rights, the Legislature
40 passed, and the Governor signed into law, the Transfer of Public Lands Act, which demanded
41 that the federal government extinguish title to certain federal lands within the borders of Utah
42 and transfer those lands to the state of Utah;

43 WHEREAS, the Transfer of Public Lands Act is the official law and policy of the state
44 of Utah;

45 WHEREAS, the federal government has refused to honor the policy of the state of Utah
46 as represented in the Transfer of Public Lands Act;

47 WHEREAS, the federal government is unable to adequately manage its public lands;

48 WHEREAS, the state of Utah is regularly regarded as one of the best-managed states in
49 the country and, because of this proven track record, seeks to obtain control over certain
50 federally controlled public lands within its borders; and

51 WHEREAS, by managing the public lands in Utah, the state could ensure appropriate
52 conservation, increase public access, encourage multiple use, grow economic opportunities,
53 and sustain proper land management:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission for the Stewardship of
55 Public Lands, the Governor concurring therein, strongly encourages the pursuit of all
56 legislative and legal efforts to secure the transfer and control of public lands within the state of
57 Utah to the state of Utah in accordance with Utah Code Title 63L, Chapter 6, Transfer of
58 Public Lands Act.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in the absence of satisfactory legislative progress,
60 the state of Utah will pursue a methodical, provident, effective, and appropriate approach to
61 assert any appropriate cause of action in the appropriate form, no later than December 1, 2017.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Utah's
63 congressional delegation.