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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FLAMING GORGE DAM AND RESERVOIR AND GLEN CANYON DAM AND LAKE POWELL

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This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the United States Congress and Department of Interior officials to recognize and protect the benefits that Lake Powell, the Glen Canyon Dam, Flaming Gorge Reservoir, and Flaming Gorge Dam bring to U.S. citizens and to visitors from around the world. The resolution urges Congress and Department of Interior officials to oppose any effort to breach Glen Canyon Dam or Flaming Gorge Dam, or to drain Lake Powell or Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, the existence of Glen Canyon Dam and Flaming Gorge Dam has allowed the seven Colorado River Basin states to share and cooperatively plan for the beneficial use of water for millions of citizens:

WHEREAS, Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge Reservoir provide water regulation and flood control capability in the Colorado River system for the citizens of the seven states;

WHEREAS, electric generating facilities at Glen Canyon Dam and Flaming Gorge Dam provide electricity to more than a million households;

WHEREAS, millions of visitors annually enjoy the recreational amenities and world-renown fisheries at Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge Reservoir; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Glen Canyon Dam and the Flaming Gorge Dam has

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created a rich riparian habitat below the dams that did not previously exist:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Congress and the Department of Interior officials to recognize and protect the water, power, recreation, and environmental benefits of Lake Powell and Flaming Gorge Reservoir, and the water regulation and flood control benefits to United States citizens from Glen Canyon Dam and Flaming Gorge Dam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United States Congress and Department of Interior officials to oppose any effort to breach or remove Glen Canyon Dam or Flaming Gorge Dam, or drain Lake Powell or Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge Congress and Department of Interior officials to prohibit the use of federal funds for any studies concerning the breaching or removal of Glen Canyon Dam, Flaming Gorge Dam, Lake Powell, or Flaming Gorge Reservoir.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the members of Utah's congressional delegation, and Department of Interior officials.