

**RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING UTAH COMMUNITIES
TO PARTICIPATE IN NATURE-SAFE UTAH**

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STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Ralph Becker

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges state and local partnerships to participate in the Nature-Safe Utah Initiative to help Utah communities to become disaster resistant through disaster prevention.

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

WHEREAS, the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management coordinates disaster prevention among Utah communities and desires to facilitate a statewide partnership with government, business, voluntary agencies, churches, and civic groups called Nature-Safe Utah;

WHEREAS, the goal of the partnership is to increase Utah disaster resistance;

WHEREAS, state emergency management agencies nationwide are responsible for coordinating new congressional emphases in disaster prevention, requiring local governments to address disaster prevention through planning, broad-based community involvement, and implementation;

WHEREAS, members of related state and federal agencies are able to combine their talents, expertise, and available resources in a coordinated manner to partnership with interested local governments in disaster resistance;

WHEREAS, disaster prevention is different in concept and implementation from disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, involving the mitigation of hazards that might cause disasters;

WHEREAS, Utah, as other states, desires to do its part in reducing the national, state, and local cost of natural disasters;

WHEREAS, each community should assume there is a disaster in its future and that prevention is part of maintaining a sustainable community;

WHEREAS, all elements of communities benefit from disaster prevention;

WHEREAS, much remains to be done statewide in disaster prevention, which is best

accomplished at the local level, with state coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management is promoting Nature-Safe Utah for the coordinating emphasis in disaster prevention, as it relates to the new national emphasis:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urge state and local partnerships to participate in the Nature-Safe Utah initiative to help Utah communities in disaster prevention efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the spirit and concept of the Utah Comprehensive Emergency Management's Nature-Safe Utah Initiative so that Utah can more effectively accelerate statewide efforts in disaster prevention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management.