

1                                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING**  
2                                   **GOVERNOR'S SILICON VALLEY**  
3                                   **CONNECTION**

4                                   2001 GENERAL SESSION

5                                   STATE OF UTAH

6                                   **Sponsor: Thomas V. Hatch**

7   **This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the Utah/Silicon**  
8   **Valley Alliance and supports the economic development goals of the Utah/Silicon Valley**  
9   **Alliance.**

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

11           WHEREAS, the economy of the nation and the world is increasingly being driven by  
12 developments in technology and by the high technology business sector in what is known as the  
13 New Economy;

14           WHEREAS, the future of Utah's economic prosperity will depend in large measure upon  
15 its ability to be a leader in the New Economy;

16           WHEREAS, the New Economy presents an opportunity for Utah to redefine itself  
17 economically and to build a vibrant economy for the 21st Century;

18           WHEREAS, Utah has a well-educated, motivated workforce which is growing twice as fast  
19 as the nation's workforce;

20           WHEREAS, Utah has three major research universities and ranks 11th among states in the  
21 percent of the workforce who are scientists and engineers;

22           WHEREAS, Utah ranks first in the nation in the percent of households with a computer  
23 and eighth in the nation in Internet usage;

24           WHEREAS, Utah has a healthy and growing high technology business sector;

25           WHEREAS, the development of information technology infrastructure and workforce skills  
26 is necessary to compete in the New Economy;

27           WHEREAS, it is in the economic interests of the state to strengthen its position as a center



28 for high technology and entrepreneurship in the New Economy;

29 WHEREAS, the Silicon Valley area in California is recognized as a high technology world  
30 leader possessing a high technology economy and is a model for Utah's economic growth;

31 WHEREAS, Utah represents a logical grow-out region for Silicon Valley expansion;

32 WHEREAS, there are many professionals in the Silicon Valley who have close ties to Utah  
33 and constitute a Friends of Utah network;

34 WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Utah has created by Executive Order the  
35 Utah/Silicon Valley Alliance, as an unincorporated association operating within the Utah  
36 Department of Community and Economic Development; and

37 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Utah/Silicon Valley Alliance is to accelerate Utah's  
38 emergence as a center for technology and entrepreneurship in the New Economy by implementing  
39 activities which will develop and promote Utah's technology assets, human capital, workforce  
40 development, economic infrastructure, and financial resources:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Utah, the  
42 Governor concurring therein, express strong support for the Utah/Silicon Valley Alliance as a  
43 means of establishing Utah as a center for high technology and entrepreneurship in the New  
44 Economy and as an economic development priority in building a vibrant economy for the 21st  
45 Century.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize and  
47 support the Utah/Silicon Valley Alliance as an important component of the state's high technology  
48 economic development strategy.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the goals of  
50 the Utah/Silicon Valley Alliance, which are to strengthen Utah's high technology economy in both  
51 urban and rural areas of the state through activities that will enhance university research  
52 capabilities, accelerate the deployment of telecommunications and other economic infrastructure,  
53 develop high technology skills in the Utah workforce, attract venture capital and other financing  
54 for technology businesses within the state, and promote Utah as a grow-out center for high  
55 technology businesses from the Silicon Valley and elsewhere.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah/Silicon  
57 Valley Alliance, the Utah Information Technology Association, the Utah State Office of Education,  
58 and the Computer Science and Engineering Departments of the University of Utah, Brigham

59 Young University, and Utah State University.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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