

1 **RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RETALIATION**
2 **AGAINST ISLAMIC AND ARABIC**
3 **COMMUNITIES**

4 2001 SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

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14 **This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor condemns acts of bigotry**
15 **targeting Muslims and Arabs in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001. The**
16 **resolution urges all citizens to help put an end to these acts of racism. The resolution urges**
17 **that the citizens of Utah and the nation stand together to seek justice but to avoid assessing**
18 **unwarranted blame.**

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

20 WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, a horrible and tragic crime against all humanity was
21 committed, leaving this country, the state of Utah, and its residents devastated and lost for an
22 understanding of this event;

23 WHEREAS, since September 11th, Arabic and Muslim citizens and institutions across this
24 nation and state have been targeted for blame and have been unjustly subjected to violence, verbal
25 threats, and angry rebuke;

26 WHEREAS, three Arab-American residents of Utah, and citizens of the United States of
27 America, were evicted from a flight to Salt Lake City because other passengers and the pilot
28 refused to fly the plane with these Arab-Americans aboard;

29 WHEREAS, the struggle for justice should not be guided by vengeance against those of



30 Arabic descent or of the Islamic faith;

31 WHEREAS, the terrorists who committed the attacks of September 11th were motivated
32 by their own hatred and contempt rather than the teachings of the Islamic religion;

33 WHEREAS, the state of Utah and the United States of America are vividly aware of the
34 lessons learned by experience in places like Topaz, Utah and other internment camps used during
35 World War II to imprison Japanese-Americans; and

36 WHEREAS, Utah and the United States of America is a land of opportunity and freedom
37 for people of all religious, racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
39 Governor concurring therein, urges the citizens of the state of Utah to condemn all acts of bigotry
40 targeting our Muslim and Arabic friends and neighbors.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in this time of healing, it is vital that as the residents
42 of the state of Utah and of this great nation seek justice for those responsible for the acts of
43 terrorism on our nation and its people, that we not resort to unwarranted blame and acts of anger.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge all citizens of
45 Utah to help put an end to all incidents of racism and hatred.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at this time more than ever, it is vital that we stand
47 together as a state and nation in protecting the rights and lives of all residents of Utah and the
48 United States of America.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Islamic Society
50 of Salt Lake City.

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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