

28 WHEREAS, Dugway Proving Ground was officially established February 12, 1942,
29 and testing commenced that summer;

30 WHEREAS, during World War II, Dugway Proving Ground tested toxic agents, flame
31 throwers, chemical spray systems, biological warfare weapons, antidotes for chemical agents,
32 and protective clothing;

33 WHEREAS, Dugway Proving Ground was slowly phased out after World War II,
34 becoming inactive during August 1946;

35 WHEREAS, the base was reactivated during the Korean War and in 1954 was
36 confirmed as a permanent Department of Army Installation;

37 WHEREAS, in October 1958, Dugway Proving Ground became home to the United
38 States Army Chemical, Biological, and Radiological Weapons School;

39 WHEREAS, today Dugway Proving Ground continues its role in the testing of
40 chemical agents, pathogens, and toxins, now conducted in sealed containment chambers;

41 WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has designated Dugway Proving Ground as a
42 major range and testing facility and the primary chemical and biological defense testing center
43 under the Reliance Program;

44 WHEREAS, the enormous size of Dugway Proving Ground's material test facility
45 makes it an ideal test ground for large vehicles and aircraft, including tanks or fighter aircraft,
46 and its high tech capabilities ensure that testing in the facility can replicate real-world
47 battlefield conditions;

48 WHEREAS, Tooele Army Depot is a Tier 1 Industrial Operations Command,
49 ammunition storage site, responsible for storing training ammunition and war reserve
50 ammunition;

51 WHEREAS, after its establishment in 1942, the Tooele Army Depot assumed
52 command of the Deseret Chemical Depot, but in 1962 was redesignated the Tooele Army
53 Depot;

54 WHEREAS, the Ammunition Peculiar Equipment (APE) program is one of the major
55 missions performed at Tooele and a main focal point for base support and command interest;

56 WHEREAS, in 1952, results of the Ordnance Ammunition Command's review of all
57 depots involved in developing and providing APE showed that Tooele Army Depot met or
58 exceeded all criteria selected by the Ordnance Ammunition Command;

59 WHEREAS, since 1962 the depot has been assigned maintenance mission
60 responsibilities for topographic equipment, troop support items, construction equipment, power
61 generators, and various wheeled vehicles;

62 WHEREAS, in 1995 the Tooele Army Depot committed to the surrounding
63 communities to reduce detonations by 60% within five years, and in four years the detonations
64 had been reduced by nearly 75%;

65 WHEREAS, more resource, recovery, and recycling technology and partnering with
66 industry to mitigate impacts and the maximum use of shipments to other installations for
67 destruction have played a part in Tooele Army Depot's efforts to be a better neighbor in the
68 community;

69 WHEREAS, Tooele Army Depot is a western region go-to-war depot supplying joint
70 ammunition, and it ships, stores, receives, inspects, demilitarizes, and maintains training and
71 war reserve conventional ammunition;

72 WHEREAS, the depot currently retains the conventional ammunition storage,
73 maintenance, and demilitarization portions of its mission;

74 WHEREAS, Deseret Chemical Depot is the largest of the nation's eight storage sites
75 devoted to the storage and destruction of the nation's chemical agents;

76 WHEREAS, Deseret Chemical Depot is a full-scale disposal plant that has been
77 operating since 1996;

78 WHEREAS, Deseret Chemical Depot has safely destroyed all Sarin nerve agent and is
79 currently destroying agent VX with meticulous security and safety;

80 WHEREAS, the 19,200 acre storage depot is located 18 miles south of Tooele and
81 employs approximately 1,900 government and contracted civilians with an annual expenditure
82 of approximately \$150 million;

83 WHEREAS, the disposal facility has destroyed almost half of the original stockpile of
84 13,600 tons of agent;

85 WHEREAS, the Utah National Guard traces its roots to the Nauvoo Legion created in
86 1840 and reestablished in 1852;

87 WHEREAS, the Utah National Guard was created on March 26, 1894, before Utah
88 became a state;

89 WHEREAS, men of the Utah Light Artillery were present at the capture of Manilla, the

90 surrender of Spanish troops in August 1898, and the Philippine Insurrection in 1899;

91 WHEREAS, since its creation, units of the Utah National Guard have served in every
92 major conflict involving the United States including, in recent years, the Gulf War and the
93 current War on Terrorism;

94 WHEREAS, currently, Utah has the largest percentage of its military personnel on
95 active duty throughout the world of any state in the Union;

96 WHEREAS, the Utah National Guard consists of the Army National Guard, the Air
97 Force National Guard, and the Directorate of Veterans Affairs;

98 WHEREAS, the United States Military Reserve components stationed in Utah include
99 units of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard; and

100 WHEREAS, the efforts of the men and women serving with Dugway Proving Ground,
101 Tooele Army Depot, Deseret Chemical Depot, the Utah National Guard, and the United States
102 Military Reserve components stationed in Utah to fulfill their missions have been of supreme
103 value to the citizens of the state of Utah:

104 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
105 Governor concurring therein, recognize Dugway Proving Ground, Tooele Army Depot, Deseret
106 Chemical Depot, the Utah National Guard, and the United States Military Reserve components
107 stationed in Utah for the outstanding service they have rendered to the citizens of the state of
108 Utah.

109 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Dugway
110 Proving Ground, Tooele Army Depot, Deseret Chemical Depot, the Utah National Guard, and
111 the United States Military Reserve components stationed in Utah.

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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State Impact

Mailing requirements of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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