

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION URGING SCHOOL**
2 **CLOSINGS TO RECOGNIZE VETERANS DAY**

3 2008 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Carl Wimmer**

6 Senate Sponsor: Jon J. Greiner

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the closing of public schools on Veterans
11 Day.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ urges the State Board of Education to close public schools on Veterans Day to allow
15 students to more fully recognize veterans for preserving freedom for the United
16 States and its citizens.

17 **Special Clauses:**

18 None

20 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

21 WHEREAS, spanning from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions
22 made to the United States of America by her citizens who stand in our place to defend the
23 freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated;

24 WHEREAS, the cost of their service frequently includes the wrenching of family, the
25 horror of combat, the deep loneliness, the agonizing and lingering effects of physical and
26 emotional injury and for some, the ultimate price, their lives;

27 WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan,



28 and many other places throughout the world, and their families are in our communities;

29 WHEREAS, families hoping for safe returns experience life in a very different way
30 than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from their loved ones;

31 WHEREAS, Veterans Day deeply impacts a vast majority of Utahns;

32 WHEREAS, to all veterans, past and present, alive and passed on, honor is due from
33 those they have served;

34 WHEREAS, one fitting honor is to close public schools on Veterans Day to allow
35 Utah's youth, many of whom have loved ones in the military, to more fully recognize the
36 significance of that day; and

37 WHEREAS, closing public schools on Veterans Day is a sign of Utah's reverence and
38 gratitude for veterans and their families:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
40 urges the Utah State Board of Education to adjust school schedules to provide for the closure of
41 public schools on Veterans Day so that Utahns may more fully honor the men and women, past
42 and present, who have stood in harm's way on our behalf.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American
44 Legion Department of Utah, the Disabled American Veterans Department of Utah, the
45 Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Utah, the Utah State Department of Veterans Affairs,
46 and to the Utah State Board of Education.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
