

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE**  
2                   **GOVERNOR'S BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO**  
3                   **REFLECT UTAH GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE**

4                                   2008 GENERAL SESSION

5                                   STATE OF UTAH

6                   **Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell**

7                   House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

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9                   **LONG TITLE**

10                  **General Description:**

11                    This joint resolution of the Legislature encourages the Governor to consider statewide  
12                    geographic balance when making future gubernatorial appointments.

13                  **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                    This resolution:

15                    ▶ encourages the Governor to consider, among other factors, achieving an increased  
16                    statewide geographic balance when determining membership in making future  
17                    committee, board, and commission appointments.

18                  **Special Clauses:**

19                    None

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

22                    WHEREAS, participation in government by citizens from all regions of the state  
23                    encourages understanding of the unique needs and perspectives of all citizens while also forging  
24                    common bonds through public service;

25                    WHEREAS, there are many significant ways in which citizens from across the state  
26                    contribute their time and effort for the betterment of Utah as a whole;

27                    WHEREAS, one way to recognize the significance of including citizens throughout the  
28                    state in serving the public is through membership on state committees, boards, and  
29                    commissions;

30           WHEREAS, geographic representation, as reflected in the membership of these state  
31 entities, suggests that the varied perspectives of Utahns are heard and are recognized as playing  
32 an essential role in the development of public policy in Utah;

33           WHEREAS, in some cases, the membership of state committees, boards, and  
34 commissions does not reflect the broad, geographic spectrum of the state of Utah;

35           WHEREAS, the Legislature, in filling its appointments to state entities, has worked to  
36 reflect the varied geographic interests of the state; and

37           WHEREAS, the citizens of the state benefit greatly as Utah's wide geographic range of  
38 interests and perspectives are included in the political process:

39           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
40 encourages the Governor to give added consideration to geographic balance when making  
41 future gubernatorial appointments to the state's committees, boards, and commissions.

42           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor  
43 Huntsman.