

26 prosperity;

27 WHEREAS, K-12 ~~§~~→ [public] ←~~§~~ education can help families ~~§~~→ and individuals ←~~§~~

27a1 provide a

27a foundation in social

28 interaction, citizenship, knowledge, understanding, and basic life skills, including reading,

29 math, science, and history;

30 WHEREAS, the state of Utah must have 90% of students at proficiency in reading by  
31 the end of the third grade;

32 WHEREAS, higher education provides opportunities for employment, service,  
33 leadership, and personal enrichment;

34 WHEREAS, it is well documented that individuals with higher levels of education  
35 enjoy greater health and are more engaged in civic life;

36 WHEREAS, for Utah's residents to succeed, K-12 and higher education in the state  
37 must achieve a new level of innovation, excellence, and accountability;

38 WHEREAS, K-12 ~~§~~→ [public] ←~~§~~ and higher education in Utah must be strengthened and  
39 empowered to increase the educational attainment of all Utahns;

40 WHEREAS, higher education in Utah provides opportunities for individuals to enhance  
41 their quality of life and economic success;

42 WHEREAS, the opportunity to enhance quality of life and economic success should be  
43 available to all Utahns;

44 WHEREAS, by 2020, 66% of all jobs in Utah will require postsecondary education;

45 WHEREAS, adults with a postsecondary certificate, an associate's, or bachelor's degree  
46 earn 20% to 80% more than those without a degree;

47 WHEREAS, college graduates earn an average of \$650,000 more over their lifetimes  
48 than high school graduates;

49 WHEREAS, 43% of adults in Utah currently hold a higher education degree or  
50 postsecondary certificate;

51 WHEREAS, the Governor, the Utah State Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher  
52 Education, the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah College of Applied Technology Board  
53 of Trustees, the Utah School Superintendents Association, the Utah School Boards  
54 Association, the Governor's Education Excellence Commission, the Utah Association of  
55 Elementary School Principals, the Utah Association of Secondary School Principals, the Utah  
56 Education Association, the Utah Parent Teacher Association, and Prosperity 2020 have adopted