

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR**
2 **ACHIEVING 66% BY 2020 GOAL**

3 2013 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson**

6 House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses strong support
11 for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or
12 certificate by the year 2020 and that 90% of students will be at proficiency in reading by
13 the end of the third grade.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This resolution:

16 ▶ expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a
17 postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020 and that 90% of students will
18 be at proficiency in reading by the end of the third grade;

19 ▶ expresses the Legislature's and the Governor's determination to work together with
20 students, parents, families, taxpayers, and all other stakeholders to achieve the 66%
21 goal through increased innovation, excellence, targeted investment, and stakeholder
22 accountability; and

23 ▶ urges all Utah citizens to unite behind efforts to achieve the 66% goal.

24 **Special Clauses:**

25 None

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

28 WHEREAS, education is a key pillar that supports Utah's success, quality of life, and
29 prosperity;

30 WHEREAS, K-12 education helps families provide a foundation in social interaction,
31 citizenship, knowledge, understanding, and basic life skills, including reading, math, science,
32 and history;

33 WHEREAS, having 90% of students at proficiency in reading by the end of the third
34 grade is a vital and important goal for the state of Utah to achieve;

35 WHEREAS, higher education in Utah provides opportunities for employment, service,
36 leadership, personal enrichment, and for enhancing quality of life and economic success;

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

39 WHEREAS, K-12 public and higher education in Utah must be strengthened and
40 empowered to increase the educational attainment of all Utah citizens;

41 WHEREAS, the opportunity to enhance quality of life and economic success should be
42 available to all Utah citizens;

43 WHEREAS, according to recent studies 66% of all jobs in Utah will require
44 postsecondary education by the year 2020;

45 WHEREAS, it will be necessary to strengthen and implement state policies that align
46 both K-12 and higher education with Utah's economic development goals and workforce needs;
47 and

48 WHEREAS, for Utah residents to have the greatest possible opportunities for success,
49 K-12 and higher education in the state must achieve a new level of innovation, excellence, and
50 accountability:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
52 Governor concurring therein, expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of
53 Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020 and that 90% of
54 students will be at proficiency in reading by the end of the third grade.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor, working together
56 with students, parents, families, taxpayers, and all other stakeholders, express their
57 determination to achieve the 66% goal through increased innovation, excellence, targeted

58 investment, and stakeholder accountability.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge all Utah
60 citizens to unite behind efforts to achieve the 66% goal.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah State
62 Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher Education, the Utah State Board of Education,
63 the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, Utah School Superintendents
64 Association, Utah School Boards Association, the Governor's Education Excellence
65 Commission, Elementary and Secondary School Principal's Associations, the Utah Education
66 Association, the Utah Parent Teacher's Association, and Prosperity 2020.