

**JOINT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL POLICIES**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature rejects United Nations Agenda 21 and urges state and local governments across the United States to reject it.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ rejects United Nations Agenda 21, both its intent and its potential for abuse;
- ▶ urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process;
- ▶ urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or develop environmental and developmental policies that, without due process, would infringe or restrict the private property rights of property owners;
- ▶ urges state and local governments across the United States to be well informed regarding the underlying harmful implications of implementing United Nations Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development";
- ▶ urges state and local governments across the United States to not enter into any agreement, expend any sum of money, contract services, or give financial aid to those nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations as defined in Agenda 21; and



28           ▶ urges state and local governments across the United States to reject United Nations  
29 Agenda 21 and any grant money or financial aid attached to it.

30 **Special Clauses:**

31           None



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

34           WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 was initiated at the United Nations  
35 Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992;

36           WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 is being introduced into local communities  
37 across the United States through the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives,  
38 through local "sustainable development" policies including Smart Growth America, the  
39 Wildlands Project, Center for Resilient Cities, and regional visioning projects;

40           WHEREAS, the United Nations has accredited and enlisted numerous  
41 nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations to assist in the implementation of its  
42 policies relative to Agenda 21 around the world;

43           WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 plan of sustainable development views  
44 private property ownership, single family homes, private car ownership, individual travel  
45 choices, and privately owned farms as destructive to the environment;

46           WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Agenda 21 policy, social justice is  
47 described as the right and opportunity of all people to benefit equally from the resources  
48 afforded citizens by society and the environment, which would be accomplished by  
49 redistribution of wealth; and

50           WHEREAS, according to United Nations Agenda 21 policy, national sovereignty is  
51 deemed a social injustice:

52           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
53 rejects United Nations Agenda 21, both its intent and its potential for abuse.

54           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and  
55 political subdivisions to not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or  
56 inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required  
57 by policy recommendations originating in, or traceable to Agenda 21, adopted by the United  
58 Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development, or any other international

59 law or ancillary plan of action that contravenes the Constitution of the United States or the  
60 Constitution of the state of Utah.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and  
62 political subdivisions to not adopt or develop environmental and developmental policies that,  
63 without due process, would infringe or restrict the private property rights of property owners.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments  
65 across the United States to be well informed regarding the underlying harmful implications of  
66 implementing United Nations Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development."

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments  
68 across the United States to not enter into any agreement, expend any sum of money, contract  
69 services, or give financial aid to those nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations  
70 as defined in United Nations Agenda 21.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments  
72 across the United States to reject United Nations Agenda 21 and any grant money or financial  
73 aid attached to it.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Council of  
75 State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of  
76 Counties, the United Nations General Assembly, the Wildlands Project, Smart Growth  
77 America, Center for Resilient Cities, the International Council of Local Environmental  
78 Initiatives, the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the  
79 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
80 Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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