

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE**
2 **PURCHASE OF TIER 3 GASOLINE**

3 2019 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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11 **LONG TITLE**

12 **General Description:**

13 This concurrent resolution encourages purchase of Tier 3 compliant gasoline.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This resolution:

- 16 ▶ recognizes impacts of air quality on the state;
- 17 ▶ recognizes impact of vehicle emissions on air quality;
- 18 ▶ recognizes that the lower-sulfur Tier 3 gasoline standards are crucial to improving

19 the safety, health, and welfare of Utah's citizens;

- 20 ▶ recognizes that certain local refineries have committed to manufacturing Tier 3
- 21 compliant lower-sulfur gasoline for sale in Utah;

22 ▶ acknowledges the air quality benefits that come from burning lower-sulfur gasoline

23 in vehicles;

24 ▶ acknowledges that the state is providing certain tax benefits for refineries

25 manufacturing lower-sulfur gasoline; and

26 ▶ encourages purchase of lower-sulfur Tier 3 compliant gasoline by retailers and

27 consumers.

28 **Special Clauses:**

29 None

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

32 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the state of Utah is charged with protecting and
33 enhancing the safety, health, and welfare of its citizens;

34 WHEREAS, the safety, health, and welfare of the citizens of the state of Utah are
35 profoundly affected by its air quality;

36 WHEREAS, communities along the Wasatch Front and other areas in the state of Utah
37 experience episodic and sustained periods of time where air pollutants are elevated to levels
38 that are known to cause serious short- and long-term health problems in humans;

39 WHEREAS, there are indications that air quality may impact the ability to recruit and
40 retain businesses and a high quality labor force, as well as the cost of negative health impacts
41 and the loss of tourism and recreational revenue, air quality significantly impacts the economy
42 of the state of Utah;

43 WHEREAS, vehicle emissions are the largest contributing source of total emissions
44 and contribute significantly to the buildup of air pollutants during wintertime inversions;

45 WHEREAS, national standards exist for improved vehicle emissions and gasoline,
46 called Tier 3 standards, bringing down the sulfur content of gasoline from 30 parts per million
47 to 10 parts per million;

48 WHEREAS, burning lower-sulfur Tier 3 gasoline in vehicles greatly improves the
49 effectiveness of a vehicle's catalytic converter;

50 WHEREAS, burning lower-sulfur Tier 3 gasoline will significantly reduce vehicle
51 emissions of nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds, pollutants that are significant
52 contributors to poor air quality in the state of Utah;

53 WHEREAS, some of Utah's local refineries have committed to manufacturing gasoline
54 for sale in Utah with an average sulfur level of 10 parts per million or less;

55 WHEREAS, lower-sulfur Tier 3 gasoline is manufactured by at least one local refinery,
56 Silver Eagle Refinery, and other local refineries have committed to manufacture Tier 3 gasoline

57 for purchase, including Marathon Petroleum and Chevron, and other refineries are encouraged
58 to manufacture Tier 3 gasoline;

59 WHEREAS, many gasoline retailers have the option to purchase gasoline from the
60 refineries that have committed to manufacturing cleaner burning Tier 3 gasoline;

61 WHEREAS, there have been measurable improvements in air quality because of
62 sustained efforts made by individuals and industry throughout the state; and

63 WHEREAS, the state of Utah is providing certain tax benefits to refineries that
64 manufacture lower-sulfur Tier 3 compliant gasoline:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
66 Governor concurring therein, encourages gasoline retailers to purchase gasoline from refineries
67 that manufacture Tier 3 compliant gasoline with an average sulfur content of 10 parts per
68 million or less.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage
70 citizens of the state to purchase gasoline at retailers whose supply comes from refineries
71 manufacturing Tier 3 compliant gasoline.