

28 private property rights, and voluntary exchange, is a cornerstone of the American economy;

29 WHEREAS, the free market system is upheld by the individual freedoms of this great  
30 nation;

31 WHEREAS, we confront the enduring and recurring threat of communism to our  
32 freedoms and rights;

33 WHEREAS, socialism and communism, when implemented in Venezuela, Cuba, North  
34 Korea, Zimbabwe, and many other once-prosperous countries, have led to catastrophic  
35 consequences, stifling individual freedoms, suppressing economic initiative, and resulting in  
36 widespread poverty, human suffering, and the killing of over 100,000,000 people worldwide;

37 WHEREAS, socialism **→**, as a form of government, **←** is characterized by the  
37a collective ownership and control of the  
38 means of production and distribution, excessive government intervention, central planning, and  
39 suppression of personal liberties;

40 WHEREAS, communism **→** [~~advocates for~~] establishes **←** a society where the state  
40a controls all aspects of  
41 economic and social life, imposes totalitarian regimes resulting in a lack of incentives, and  
42 erodes individual rights;

43 WHEREAS, history has unequivocally shown that individual freedoms, rights, **→**  
43a accountability, **←** and  
44 democracy cannot coexist with a socialist or communist government; and

45 WHEREAS, it is imperative to recognize the importance of preserving the principles of  
46 the free market, limited government, and individual liberty, which have been instrumental in  
47 shaping the prosperity and success of our great nation:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
49 exalts and celebrates the enduring principles of the United States Constitution, reaffirms our  
50 commitment to the free market system, and condemns the destructive and oppressive nature of  
51 socialism and communism.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature stands united in our dedication to  
53 preserving the liberties and opportunities that have made the United States of America a  
54 beacon of hope and prosperity for people around the world, and urges all citizens to remain  
55 vigilant in the defense of these cherished principles.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of  
57 the state of Utah, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and  
58 the members of the Utah Congressional Delegation as an expression of the strong and