

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RURAL**
2 **DEVELOPMENT OF WIND, SOLAR, AND GEOTHERMAL**
3 **ENERGY**

4 2019 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This resolution supports the development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy in rural
10 areas of the state as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system and supports the
11 export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other states.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ acknowledges the important role of rural communities in the development of energy
15 resources;
- 16 ▶ recognizes the economic and supply benefits that wind, solar, and geothermal
17 energy development provide;
- 18 ▶ recognizes the energy market opportunities available to those states that develop
19 wind, solar, and geothermal energy;
- 20 ▶ supports the development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy in rural areas of the
21 state as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system; and
- 22 ▶ supports the export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other
23 states.

24 **Special Clauses:**

25 None

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

28 WHEREAS, Utah's rural communities have long produced much of the energy
29 necessary to drive Utah's economy;

30 WHEREAS, some of these rural communities have not always enjoyed the prosperity
31 that has come with Utah's tremendous economic growth in recent decades;

32 WHEREAS, many of these rural communities are rich with the natural resources,
33 including wind, sun, and geothermal resources, necessary to provide energy for Utah and the
34 nation;

35 WHEREAS, competitive energy markets in western states are providing new
36 opportunities for the sale of energy across state lines;

37 WHEREAS, Utah's natural salt dome geologic formations provide complementary
38 cost-effective storage potential for wind, solar, and geothermal development, as well as their
39 own economic development opportunities;

40 WHEREAS, many western states are responding to this energy opportunity by
41 harnessing wind, solar, and geothermal power, thus providing economic benefits for rural
42 communities and energy supplies to customers within and outside their states; and

43 WHEREAS, Utah has an opportunity to maintain its position as a net exporter of energy
44 and a leader in energy production and innovation in the region:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
46 Governor concurring therein, supports rural development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy
47 resources within Utah as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system, so that Utah's rural
48 communities can take an active part in and receive the benefits of Utah's economic
49 development.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the
51 export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other states in the West through
52 participation in centralized and bilateral energy markets.