

Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Patriots' Day

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Walt Brooks

Senate Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution addresses the recognition of the start of the American Revolution.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the events that occurred at the start of the American Revolution; and
- ▶ designates April 19 as Patriots' Day.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the state of Utah wishes to recognize the start of the American Revolution and honor this date as Patriots' Day;

WHEREAS, on the evening of April 18, 1775, Dr. Joseph Warren called to his house in Boston both William Dawes and Paul Revere and instructed them that British soldiers would be leaving Boston by sea to apprehend patriot leaders Sam Adams and John Hancock in Lexington and to confiscate stored arms in Concord;

WHEREAS, the local militia volunteers, distinguished by the term "Minutemen," having been notified through the night of the approaching British soldiers, stood their ground on the Lexington Green as the King's soldiers approached;

WHEREAS, in the early dawn of April 19, 1775, on the Lexington Green, a shot was fired that signaled the start of the American Revolution and came to be known as "The Shot Heard Round the World";

WHEREAS, eight militia volunteers were shot and killed on the Lexington Green on the

29 morning of April 19, 1775, representing the eight years of war that would ensue between the
30 Americans and the British Empire;

31 WHEREAS, the British leaders continued their march to Concord, but at the Old North
32 Bridge the farmers and other patriots that had been summoned through the night turned back
33 the greatest military on the earth at that time;

34 WHEREAS, the British troops retreated back to Boston under a constant stream of fire
35 from the American volunteers; and

36 WHEREAS, since that beginning on April 19, 1775, at the Lexington Green and the
37 Concord North Bridge, millions of Americans have fought for our freedom and should be
38 recognized as "patriots":

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
40 Governor concurring therein, does hereby proclaim that April 19th shall be honored and
41 recognized as Patriots' Day in the state of Utah.