

1 **Concurrent Resolution Recognizing Patriots' Day**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Walt Brooks**

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

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

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This resolution:

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

10 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

11 None

12 **Other Special Clauses:**

13 None

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

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

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

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

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

28 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, do hereby proclaim that April 19th shall be honored and  
41 recognized as Patriots' Day in the state of Utah.