

Joint Resolution Recognizing the Utah Property Rights Coalition
2026 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH
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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution recognizes the Utah Property Rights Coalition for contributions to land use policy.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- acknowledges private property rights as a foundational principle of Utah's constitutional, legal, and economic framework;
- recognizes the contributions of the Utah Property Rights Coalition in advocacy, education, and stakeholder engagement; and
- recognizes the Utah Property Rights Coalition's longstanding commitment to and contributions in land use policy at the local and state levels.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, private property rights are a foundational principle of Utah's constitutional, legal, and economic framework;

WHEREAS, private property rights are essential to addressing housing affordability, economic growth, and responsible land stewardship;

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, the Utah Property Rights Coalition (Coalition) has played a sustained and influential role in Utah's land use policy discussions through legislative advocacy, education, and stakeholder engagement;

WHEREAS, over the course of two decades, the Coalition has worked consistently to improve land use laws and administrative practices to ensure that property owners receive fair treatment and timely decisions under statutes and local ordinances;

31 WHEREAS, sound land use policy depends on timely, predictable, and transparent
32 regulatory processes that respect lawful property use while enabling communities to plan for
33 growth and infrastructure needs;

34 WHEREAS, the Coalition has played a meaningful role in advancing legislative and policy
35 reforms to improve the efficiency and accountability of land use application processing
36 throughout the state;

37 WHEREAS, the Coalition has supported statutory changes and administrative practices that
38 promote timely review of land use and building applications, reduce unnecessary delays, and
39 encourage prompt and consistent decision-making by local governments;

40 WHEREAS, these efforts have contributed to greater predictability, fairness, and
41 consistency in land use approvals, providing property owners, homebuilders, and local
42 governments with clearer expectations and more reliable development time lines;

43 WHEREAS, the Coalition has emphasized the direct relationship between efficient land use
44 regulation and housing affordability, recognizing that prolonged, uncertain, or inconsistent
45 approval processes increase development costs and constrain housing supply;

46 WHEREAS, through a collaborative and consensus-driven approach, the Coalition has
47 worked with legislators, local governments, planners, housing advocates, industry
48 representatives, and property owners to enact more than 70 consensus-based legislative
49 measures addressing land use and development policy;

50 WHEREAS, the Coalition has been a leading voice encouraging cities and counties to
51 improve long-range and general planning efforts, including clearer land use designations,
52 realistic infrastructure planning, and stronger alignment between adopted plans, zoning
53 ordinances, and development decisions;

54 WHEREAS, these planning-focused efforts have helped reduce conflict, improve public
55 trust, and promote orderly growth by reinforcing consistency between long-range plans and
56 day-to-day land use decisions; and

57 WHEREAS, throughout the Coalition's history, the organization has demonstrated a
58 sustained commitment to civil discourse, collaboration, and data-driven policy development:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Utah
60 recognizes and commends the Utah Property Rights Coalition for more than two decades of
61 service and leadership in shaping land use policy in Utah.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature acknowledges the Utah Property Rights
63 Coalition's contributions to improving the efficiency of land use application processing,
64 advancing housing affordability, and promoting predictability, fairness, and consistency in

65 land use regulation.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature expresses appreciation for the Utah
67 Property Rights Coalition's collaborative leadership in advancing consensus-based reforms that
68 improve land use outcomes while respecting the traditional role of local governments.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Utah
70 Property Rights Coalition as an expression of the Legislature's recognition and appreciation.