



28 and one or more additional languages, best serves the national interest since it promotes the  
29 concept that all members of society have full access to opportunities to effectively learn English  
30 plus develop proficiency in second or multiple languages;

31 WHEREAS, Salt Lake City and the citizens of Utah will host visitors from throughout the  
32 world during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games; and

33 WHEREAS, the State Board of Regents and the nine institutions of higher education  
34 require a minimum of four years of study in a foreign language as a condition of admission for  
35 entering freshmen as acknowledgment that individuals who have the capability to communicate  
36 in multiple languages have access to a wealth of opportunities economically, socially,  
37 professionally, and personally:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah reaffirm  
39 its advocacy of the teaching of other languages in the United States and its belief that the position  
40 of English is not threatened.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proficiency in more than one language is to the  
42 economic and cultural benefit of Utah, its citizens and the nation, whether proficiency derives from  
43 second language maintenance plus English acquisition by speakers of other languages.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proficiency in English plus other languages should be  
45 encouraged throughout the state.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States  
47 Department of Education, the State Board of Regents, and the state's nine institutions of higher  
48 education.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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