

1 **RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING UTAH**
2 **COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN**
3 **NATURE-SAFE UTAH**

4 2001 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Sponsor: Ralph Becker**

7 **This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges state and local**
8 **partnerships to participate in the Nature-Safe Utah Initiative to help Utah communities to**
9 **become disaster resistant through disaster prevention.**

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

11 WHEREAS, the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management coordinates
12 disaster prevention among Utah communities and desires to facilitate a statewide partnership with
13 government, business, voluntary agencies, churches, and civic groups called Nature-Safe Utah;

14 WHEREAS, the goal of the partnership is to increase Utah disaster resistance;

15 WHEREAS, state emergency management agencies nationwide are responsible for
16 coordinating new congressional emphases in disaster prevention, requiring local governments to
17 address disaster prevention through planning, broad-based community involvement, and
18 implementation;

19 WHEREAS, members of related state and federal agencies are able to combine their
20 talents, expertise, and available resources in a coordinated manner to partnership with interested
21 local governments in disaster resistance;

22 WHEREAS, disaster prevention is different in concept and implementation from disaster
23 preparedness, response, and recovery, involving the mitigation of hazards that might cause
24 disasters;

25 WHEREAS, Utah, as other states, desires to do its part in reducing the national, state, and
26 local cost of natural disasters;

27 WHEREAS, each community should assume there is a disaster in its future and that



28 prevention is part of maintaining a sustainable community;

29 WHEREAS, all elements of communities benefit from disaster prevention;

30 WHEREAS, much remains to be done statewide in disaster prevention, which is best
31 accomplished at the local level, with state coordination; and

32 WHEREAS, the Utah Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management is promoting
33 Nature-Safe Utah for the coordinating emphasis in disaster prevention, as it relates to the new
34 national emphasis:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
36 Governor concurring therein, urge state and local partnerships to participate in the Nature-Safe
37 Utah initiative to help Utah communities in disaster prevention efforts.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the spirit and
39 concept of the Utah Comprehensive Emergency Management's Nature-Safe Utah Initiative so that
40 Utah can more effectively accelerate statewide efforts in disaster prevention.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah Division
42 of Comprehensive Emergency Management.

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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