

1                                   **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING**

2   **LIBERTY DAY**

3   2001 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Sponsor: Ed P. Mayne**

6   **This joint resolution of the Legislature designates March 16, 2001 as Liberty Day in the state**  
7   **of Utah. The resolution urges the citizens of Utah to reflect on the freedoms granted to them**  
8   **in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.**

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

10           WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States of America enjoy liberties through the  
11   passage of documents such as the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution  
12   with its Bill of Rights;

13           WHEREAS, the rights and liberties enjoyed by the nation's citizens today are rooted in  
14   these cherished documents that gave birth to this nation;

15           WHEREAS, the patriot James Madison, fourth President of the United States, was the  
16   major author of the Virginia Plan, the model and the basis for the United States Constitution that  
17   emerged from the Constitutional Convention of 1787;

18           WHEREAS, James Madison kept detailed written records of the debates and compromises  
19   that were an integral part of Constitutional Convention of 1787;

20           WHEREAS, James Madison wrote many of the newspaper articles now known as the  
21   Federalist Papers, outlining why states should endorse the new Constitution;

22           WHEREAS, these writings have endured as some of the best arguments for the form of  
23   government established by the Constitution;

24           WHEREAS, James Madison introduced the Bill of Rights into the 1st Congress of the  
25   United States, which were adopted as the first ten amendments to the Constitution;

26           WHEREAS, since many Americans are not familiar with the contents of the Declaration  
27   of Independence and the Constitution, an important effort should be made to promote and nurture

28 a familiarity and understanding of these founding documents; and

29 WHEREAS, the 16th day of March, the birthday of the distinguished Founding Father  
30 James Madison, is a fitting day to designate as Liberty Day, a celebration of the Declaration of  
31 Independence and the United States Constitution, which establish the unalienable rights and  
32 liberties of this nation:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
34 designate March 16, 2001 as Liberty Day in the state of Utah.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges that Liberty Day be celebrated  
36 as a remembrance of the freedom that Americans were given in the Declaration of Independence  
37 and the extraordinary rights and liberties protected in the Constitution.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that gratitude and thanks be given to Lions Clubs  
39 throughout Utah and the nation for initiating and carrying Liberty Day to the students of the state  
40 and nation.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that gratitude and thanks be expressed to all representatives  
42 of the people who have voluntarily given their time to serve and to speak to Americans about the  
43 founding documents.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lions Club  
45 International and the secretary of the Utah Lions Clubs.

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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.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**