

**RESOLUTION CONDEMNING RETALIATION
AGAINST ISLAMIC AND ARAB
COMMUNITIES**

2001 SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

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This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor condemns acts of bigotry targeting Muslims and Arabs in the wake of the attacks of September 11, 2001. The resolution urges all citizens to help put an end to these acts of racism. The resolution urges that the citizens of Utah and the nation stand together to seek justice but to avoid assessing unwarranted blame.

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

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, a horrible and tragic crime against all humanity was committed, leaving this country, the state of Utah, and its residents devastated and lost for an understanding of this event;

WHEREAS, since September 11th, Arab and Muslim citizens and institutions across this nation and state have been targeted for blame and have been unjustly subjected to violence, verbal threats, and angry rebuke;

WHEREAS, the struggle for justice should not be guided by vengeance against those of Arab descent or of the Islamic faith;

WHEREAS, the terrorists who committed the attacks of September 11th were motivated by their own hatred and contempt rather than the teachings of the Islamic religion;

WHEREAS, the state of Utah and the United States of America are vividly aware of the lessons learned by experience in places like Topaz, Utah and other internment camps used during

World War II to imprison Japanese-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Utah and the United States of America is a land of opportunity and freedom for people of all religious, racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urges the citizens of the state of Utah to condemn all acts of bigotry targeting our Muslim and Arab friends and neighbors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in this time of healing, it is vital that as the residents of the state of Utah and of this great nation seek justice for those responsible for the acts of terrorism on our nation and its people, that we not resort to unwarranted blame and acts of anger.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge all citizens of Utah to help put an end to all incidents of racism and hatred.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, at this time more than ever, it is vital that we stand together as a state and nation in protecting the rights and lives of all residents of Utah and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Islamic Society of Greater Salt Lake City.