

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SUPPORT OF
THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ALLIANCE FOR
UNITY**

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STATE OF UTAH

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This joint resolution of the Legislature expresses support for the principles of respect, understanding, and inclusiveness of all people. The resolution urges an increase in respect and understanding of differences among Utahns and a greater determination to cross boundaries of culture, religion, and ethnicity to better understand and befriend one another.

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

WHEREAS, the Alliance for Unity is endeavoring to increase the level of respect and understanding among the diverse citizens of Utah;

WHEREAS, Utah is a community rich in resources, ideas, hopes, capabilities, and heritage, and its people have various political, religious, and other beliefs;

WHEREAS, many groups in Utah, including the Legislature, seek to foster a more unified community where varying viewpoints are acknowledged and valued, differences are aired, and problems are solved in an atmosphere of courtesy, respect, and civility;

WHEREAS, respecting differences brings unity and health to communities;

WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature supports seeking ways to bring people and neighborhoods together for the benefit of all, and pledges to encourage specific projects of common purpose;

WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature invites all Utahns to join in the long-term, ongoing endeavor to bring all people together for the common good;

WHEREAS, political parties can play a significant role in encouraging respect for differing viewpoints in an atmosphere of courtesy, respect, and civility; and

WHEREAS, by supporting opportunities for people with differences to understand and appreciate one another, Utahns will bring added honor to the state's heritage as a symbol of

tolerance and freedom:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah expresses support for the principles of respect, understanding, and inclusiveness of all people and urges the citizens of Utah to address their differences with one another in a spirit of increased respect and understanding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the citizens of Utah seize the opportunity to join with those of differing religious, political, and cultural affiliations in identifying common challenges and working together to solve them.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Alliance for Unity and to each political party registered in Utah.