

1 **ADULT LIFELONG LEARNING AND**
2 **LITERACY RESOLUTION**

3 2002 GENERAL SESSION
4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: David H. Steele**

6 **This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor designates the § [week of**
7 ~~**January 14, 2002;]**~~ **second week of September 2002 § as Adult Lifelong Learning and Literacy**
7a **week in the state of Utah. The**
8 **resolution recognizes and encourages Utah adults in their efforts to pursue lifelong learning**
9 **and to promote literacy and expresses support for financial efforts aimed at aiding adults**
10 **in their quest for literacy.**

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

12 WHEREAS, literacy is of fundamental importance in the personal, family, social,
13 workplace, **§ COMMUNITY, §** civic, and religious affairs of Utah's citizens;

14 WHEREAS, literacy is the primary key for individuals, families, and Utah communities
15 to achieve economic and social well-being;

16 WHEREAS, the April U.S. News and World Report stated that 75 percent of all adults
17 need additional training;

18 WHEREAS, tens of thousands of Utah adults who lack participation in the broad affairs
19 of community, state, and nation are in critical need of basic language, workplace, and individual
20 skills to meet the demands of everyday life and changing technology;

21 WHEREAS, over 150,000 additional Utah adults are in need of higher basic literacy skills,
22 high school diplomas, or General Education Diplomas;

23 WHEREAS, the business community reports that it is more productive and is able to retain
24 more employees who gain English For Speakers of Second Languages training;

25 WHEREAS, thousands of Utah educators and volunteers are turning their energy and
26 expertise toward promoting self-worth and self-actualization, providing the means to expand
27 horizons, and ending continuing generations of illiteracy; and



28 WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature acknowledges the need for collaborative efforts
29 providing interagency **§ , BUSINESS, AND COMMUNITY §** cooperation of providers for adult
education services:

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
31 Governor concurring therein, designates the **§ [~~week of January 14, 2002,~~] SECOND WEEK OF**
SEPTEMBER 2002 § as Adult Lifelong Learning
32 and Literacy week in the state of Utah.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize, honor,
34 and encourage Utah adults in their efforts to pursue lifelong learning and to promote literacy for
35 every adult and child in Utah.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize and
37 encourage additional business partnerships and financial state support designed to provide services
38 to adult learners in their quest to obtain literacy and English language skills.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah State
40 Board of Education, the Utah State Board of Regents, the Utah State Office of Education, the Utah
41 Manufacturers Association, **§ THE UTAH LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, §** the Utah Partnership for
41a Education and Economic Development, and
42 the Utah Education Association.

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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