

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO
BUILD AND DEPLOY NATIONAL MISSILE
DEFENSE SYSTEM**

2003 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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This joint resolution of the Legislature urges Utah's congressional delegation to support and vote for all efforts to build and deploy a national missile defense system.

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

WHEREAS, the 1972 Anti Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty was signed with a nation that no longer exists;

WHEREAS, an increasing number of nations--including North Korea--either currently possess the capability to launch missile attacks against the United States or are working to obtain that capability;

WHEREAS, due in part to advances in technology, the possibility that a missile bearing a weapon of mass destruction will be used against United States forces or interests is higher today than it was during most of the Cold War;

WHEREAS, terrorist groups, not just states, may have the means to buy intercontinental ballistic missiles;

WHEREAS, the nation still has no defense against missile attack;

WHEREAS, the Cold War policy of "mutual assured destruction" assumed in arms control treaties is not sufficient to deter terrorist missile attacks; and

WHEREAS, defending against a missile attack is the government's moral obligation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the state's congressional delegation to support and vote for all efforts to build and deploy a national missile defense system as rapidly as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

