

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING COMPETITIVE
ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AMONG HIGH
SCHOOLS IN UTAH**

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STATE OF UTAH

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This joint resolution of the Legislature expresses support for the achievements and efforts of the Utah Academic Decathlon, with support from Utah communities, school districts, businesses, and Dixie State College. This resolution recognizes the commitment of these entities to promoting competitive academic excellence, recognizes and encourages all Utah high schools in their efforts to pursue academic achievements, expresses leadership support for competitive excellence among individuals and schools in Utah, and expresses appreciation to Dixie State College for its efforts over the past 20 years in running the Utah Academic Decathlon and for representing the state of Utah at the United States National Academic Decathlon.

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

WHEREAS, competitive academic achievement in Utah should be promoted and supported;

WHEREAS, Academic Decathlon teams are fielded from throughout the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, many local businesses and communities have shown their support of Academic Decathlon teams;

WHEREAS, Academic Decathlon teams should solicit support and sponsorship from their local community and establish partnerships with area businesses;

WHEREAS, for 20 years Dixie State College has provided leadership and support to the Utah Academic Decathlon and represents the state of Utah at the United States National Academic Decathlon;

WHEREAS, students with exceptional achievements in the areas of speech, language and literature, essay, science, technology, mathematics, social science, art, and music compete in the decathlon and are deserving of valued recognition;

WHEREAS, hundreds of Utah educators and volunteers devote time, energy, and expertise to promote self worth through educational achievements to expand horizons; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature acknowledges the need for collaborative efforts from businesses, the community, and the state to support competitive academic excellence:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah recognizes and supports the efforts of the Utah Academic Decathlon to encourage excellence among high school students who represent their schools at the regional, state, and national level.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognize the leadership and support that Dixie State College has provided to the Utah Academic Decathlon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes and encourages additional business partnerships aimed at supporting scholastic recognition of all successes in competitive academic events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes, honors, and encourages Utah high school students in their efforts to pursue both personal and competitive achievements in all areas of study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah State System of Higher Education, the Utah State Board of Regents, the Utah State Office of Education, the Utah Education Association, and to the Board of Trustees of Dixie State College.