1	RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LIBERTY DAY
2	2003 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: Ed P. Mayne
5	This joint resolution of the Legislature designates March 16, 2003 as Liberty Day in the
6	state of Utah. The resolution urges the citizens of Utah to reflect on the freedoms granted
7	to them in the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.
8	Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
9	WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States of America enjoy liberties through the
10	passage of documents such as the Declaration of Independence and the United States
11	Constitution with its Bill of Rights;
12	WHEREAS, the rights and liberties enjoyed by the nation's citizens today are rooted in
13	these cherished documents that gave birth to this nation;
14	WHEREAS, the patriot James Madison, fourth President of the United States, was the
15	major author of the Virginia Plan, the model and the basis for the United States Constitution
16	that emerged from the Constitutional Convention of 1787;
17	WHEREAS, James Madison kept detailed written records of the debates and
18	compromises that were an integral part of the Constitutional Convention of 1787;
19	WHEREAS, James Madison wrote many of the newspaper articles now known as the
20	Federalist Papers, outlining why states should endorse the new Constitution;
21	WHEREAS, these writings have endured as some of the best arguments for the form of
22	government established by the Constitution;
23	WHEREAS, James Madison introduced the Bill of Rights into the 1st Congress of the
24	United States, which were adopted as the first ten amendments to the Constitution;
25	WHEREAS, since many Americans are not familiar with the contents of the
26	Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, an important effort should be made to
27	promote and nurture a familiarity and understanding of these founding documents; and

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28	WHEREAS, the 16th day of March, the birthday of the distinguished Founding Father
29	James Madison, is a fitting day to designate as Liberty Day, a celebration of the Declaration of
30	Independence and the United States Constitution, which establish the unalienable rights and
31	liberties of this nation:
32	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
33	designate March 16, 2003 as Liberty Day in the state of Utah.
34	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges that Liberty Day be
35	celebrated as a remembrance of the freedom that Americans $\mathbf{\hat{h}}$ [were given] SET FORTH $\mathbf{\hat{h}}$ in the
35a	Declaration of
36	Independence and the extraordinary rights and liberties protected in the Constitution.
37	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that gratitude and thanks be given to Lions Clubs
38	throughout Utah and the nation for initiating and carrying Liberty Day to the students of the
39	state and nation.
40	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that gratitude and thanks be expressed to all
41	representatives of the people who have voluntarily given their time to serve and to speak to
42	Americans about the founding documents.
43	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lions Club
44	International and the secretary of the Utah Lions Clubs.

Legislative Review Note as of 1-27-03 11:16 AM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

State Impact

Any fiscal impact required to implement provisions of this resolutiion can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst