

**RESOLUTION URGING PROTECTION OF
UNITED STATES FROM WEAPONS OF MASS
DESTRUCTION**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Utah's congressional delegation to support the administration's efforts to protect the United States from weapons of mass destruction.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ urges the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives to support the Bush Administration's efforts to keep the United States and its allies safe from terrorists, dangerous authoritarian regimes, and weapons of mass destruction.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, in the immortal words of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "When you see a rattlesnake poised to strike, you do not wait until he has struck before you crush him";

WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 showed that new deadly challenges have emerged from rogue states and terrorists;

WHEREAS, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction has fundamentally changed the nature of threats against the United States and its allies;

WHEREAS, a coordinated chemical, biological, or nuclear attack against the United States or its allies will cost the lives of millions of innocent Americans and other individuals and cause immeasurable damage to the United States and world economies;

WHEREAS, the United States cannot wait patiently and allow radical regimes that support terrorism to acquire or manufacture illegal weapons of mass destruction and pass them on to terrorist organizations;

WHEREAS, if the United States does not meet this terrorist threat in the streets of Baghdad and Kandahar, Americans will be forced to fight them in Boston and Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, President Bush has correctly stated that the United States has the right to defend itself and its allies if the world community refuses to enforce the rule of law to deter or remove future threats from tyrannical regimes and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urges Utah's congressional delegation to support the efforts of the Bush Administration to keep the United States and its allies safe from terrorists, dangerous authoritarian regimes, and weapons of mass destruction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.