

RESOLUTION OPPOSING INTERNET ACCESS

TAXES

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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 vote for an extension of the Internet tax moratorium.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► urges the members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives representing the state of Utah to vote for a clean, permanent, and technologically neutral extension of the Internet tax moratorium.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, in 1998 Congress enacted, and in 2001 extended, the Internet Tax Freedom Act in order to protect consumers that used the Internet and encourage more individuals and businesses to access the Internet;

WHEREAS, the legislation eliminated taxes on Internet access, potential double taxation of a product or service bought over the Internet, and discriminatory taxes that treated Internet purchases differently from other types of sales;

WHEREAS, the moratorium on Internet access taxes enabled the rapid growth of the Internet, which in turn brought good economic news;

WHEREAS, in an age on innovation, the medium of the Internet is sparking a sharp increase in entrepreneurship and opportunity, the likes of which have not been seen since the

beginning of the Industrial Revolution;

WHEREAS, enacting a tax on Internet access will do significant damage to the United States economy and potentially decrease the standard of living for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2003, the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed a permanent ban on all Internet access taxes:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urge Utah's congressional delegation to pass a clean, permanent, and technologically neutral extension of the Internet access tax moratorium.

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