

1                                   **RESOLUTION URGING OPEN SPACE ALONG**

2   **JORDAN RIVER TRAIL**

3   2004 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Sponsor: Todd E. Kiser**

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9                   This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges local government,  
10 state government, and private landowner action.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12                   This resolution:

13                   ▶ urges local and state governmental entities and private landowners that own various  
14 portions of open space along the Jordan River between 12600 South and the  
15 Bangerter Highway to work together to assure that the land is preserved as open  
16 space.

17 **Special Clauses:**

18                   None

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

21                   WHEREAS, the people of Salt Lake County value open space;

22                   WHEREAS, one of the last remaining open spaces along the Jordan River is a 500 acre  
23 area, 370 acres of which is publicly owned, between 12600 South and the Bangerter Highway;

24                   WHEREAS, the majority of the area is undeveloped and includes wetlands, trails, and  
25 Native American ruins;

26                   WHEREAS, this land has persisted in almost its natural state, as one of the few  
27 stretches of the river which has not been hardened or straightened;



28 WHEREAS, unlike most of the river corridor, large sections of open space exist on  
29 both sides of the river and are still frequented by deer and other wildlife;

30 WHEREAS, this land is also home to all types of waterfowl and is an important  
31 migrational stop for a variety of birds;

32 WHEREAS, protection of this valuable open space is crucial in order to ensure that a  
33 remnant of the historic Jordan River will remain;

34 WHEREAS, setting aside the land as open space, thus limiting human intrusion, will  
35 provide the citizens of Utah with a natural oasis that is protected from the encroachments of  
36 development;

37 WHEREAS, despite the fact that a large portion of the open space is publicly owned,  
38 ownership is spread across several local and state governmental agencies, which complicates  
39 efforts to move forward with a coordinated and specific purpose;

40 WHEREAS, local governments, state entities, and private landowners should explore  
41 together the various means for establishing both the public and private portions of the land as  
42 open space for the benefit of the citizens of the state of Utah; and

43 WHEREAS, by working together, these groups can formulate a process that will make  
44 more open space available for the citizens of the state:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
46 Governor concurring therein, urge the city of Draper, the city of Riverton, Salt Lake County,  
47 and the state of Utah to develop an action plan for open space along the Jordan River between  
48 12600 South and the Bangerter Highway to work together to assure that the land is preserved as  
49 open space.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Riverton City,  
51 Draper City, the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, the Central Utah Water  
52 Conservancy District, the Great Salt Lake Audubon Society, the Utah Reclamation Mitigation  
53 and Conservation Commission, the South Valley Trails Committee, the Salt Lake County Parks  
54 and Recreation Department, Utah Back Country Horsemen, the Natural Resources Forum, Salt  
55 Lake County, the Division of State Lands, Fire and Forestry, and the Department of  
56 Transportation.

**Legislative Review Note**  
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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