

1 **RESOLUTION URGING PROTECTION OF**
2 **UNITED STATES FROM WEAPONS OF MASS**
3 **DESTRUCTION**

4 2004 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Sponsor: Chad E. Bennion**

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

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

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

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

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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Bill Number HCR003

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Destruction** *21-Jan-04*
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State Impact

Mailing requirements of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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