

**RESOLUTION APPROVING USE OF FEDERAL
FUNDS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES**

2006 THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David Clark

Senate Sponsor: John W. Hickman

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature approves a new federal funds request for an endangered species grant made by the Department of Natural Resources.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- approves a high impact federal funds request made by the Department of Natural Resources for land acquisition to protect desert tortoise habitat, as required by the Endangered Species Act.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources, the Division of Wildlife Resources has submitted an application to the Department of Interior for an endangered species grant of \$15,379,200;

WHEREAS, the Division of Wildlife Resources intends to use these funds for land acquisition to protect the desert tortoise as part of the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan;

WHEREAS, the Washington County Habitat Conservation Plan enabled the County to obtain a U.S. Fish and Wildlife permit to facilitate development of habitat while protecting the

30 desert tortoise through the creation of a reserve;

31 WHEREAS, Title 63, Chapter 38e, Federal Funds Procedures, outlines procedures with
32 which an agency must comply to obtain federal funds;

33 WHEREAS, Section 63-38e-204 requires an agency submitting a high impact federal
34 funds request to obtain the approval of the Legislature; and

35 WHEREAS, this grant application is a high impact federal funds request because it
36 could result in the state receiving more than \$10,000,000:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
38 approves the Department of Natural Resources' high impact federal funds request and use of
39 these federal funds for desert tortoise habitat.