

**JOINT RESOLUTION URGING SCHOOL  
CLOSINGS TO RECOGNIZE VETERANS DAY**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Carl Wimmer**

Senate Sponsor: Jon J. Greiner

---

---

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the closing of public schools on Veterans Day.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

► urges the State Board of Education to close public schools on Veterans Day to allow students to more fully recognize veterans for preserving freedom for the United States and its citizens.

**Special Clauses:**

None

---

---

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

WHEREAS, spanning from the Revolutionary War to the present day, the contributions made to the United States of America by her citizens who stand in our place to defend the freedoms we enjoy cannot be calculated;

WHEREAS, the cost of their service frequently includes the wrenching of family, the horror of combat, the deep loneliness, the agonizing and lingering effects of physical and emotional injury and for some, the ultimate price, their lives;

WHEREAS, even today, members of the military are stationed in Iraq, Afghanistan,



28 and many other places throughout the world, and their families are in our communities;

29 WHEREAS, families hoping for safe returns experience life in a very different way  
30 than others, as their everyday thoughts and feelings never stray far from their loved ones;

31 WHEREAS, Veterans Day deeply impacts a vast majority of Utahns;

32 WHEREAS, to all veterans, past and present, alive and passed on, honor is due from  
33 those they have served;

34 WHEREAS, one fitting honor is to close public schools on Veterans Day to allow  
35 Utah's youth, many of whom have loved ones in the military, to more fully recognize the  
36 significance of that day; and

37 WHEREAS, closing public schools on Veterans Day is a sign of Utah's reverence and  
38 gratitude for veterans and their families:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
40 urges the Utah State Board of Education ~~to~~ **and each individual school district** ~~to~~ to adjust  
40a school schedules to provide for the closure of  
41 public schools on Veterans Day so that Utahns may more fully honor the men and women, past  
42 and present, who have stood in harm's way on our behalf.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the American  
44 Legion Department of Utah, the Disabled American Veterans Department of Utah, the  
45 Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Utah, the Utah State Department of Veterans Affairs,  
46 and to the Utah State Board of Education.

---

---

**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 12-19-07 11:36 AM**

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

---

---

**H.J.R. 4 - Joint Resolution Urging School Closings to Recognize Veterans Day**

**Fiscal Note**

2008 General Session

State of Utah

---

---

**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

---

**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

---