

1 **CLIMATE CHANGE JOINT RESOLUTION**

2 2010 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Kerry W. Gibson**

5 **Senate Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the United States Environmental
10 Protection Agency to cease its carbon dioxide reduction policies, programs, and
11 regulations until climate data and global warming science are substantiated.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to immediately halt its
15 carbon dioxide reduction policies and programs and withdraw its "Endangerment
16 Finding" and related regulations until a full and independent investigation of
17 climate data and global warming science can be substantiated.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19 None

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

22 WHEREAS, proposed cap and trade legislation before the United States Congress,
23 together with potential state actions to reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂), would result in
24 significantly higher energy costs to American consumers, business, and industry;

25 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA)
26 "Endangerment Finding" and proposed action to regulate CO₂ under the Clean Air Act is
27 based on questionable climate data and would place significant regulatory and financial
28 burdens on all sectors of the nation's economy at a time when the nation's unemployment rate
29 exceeds 10%;

30 WHEREAS, global temperatures have been level and declining in some areas over the
31 past 12 years;

32 WHEREAS, the "hockey stick" global warming assertion has been discredited and
33 climate alarmists' carbon dioxide-related global warming hypothesis is unable to account for
34 the current downturn in global temperatures;

35 WHEREAS, there is a statistically more direct correlation between twentieth century
36 temperature rise and Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in the atmosphere than CO₂;

37 WHEREAS, outlawed and largely phased out by 1978, in the year 2000 CFCs began to
38 decline at approximately the same time as global temperatures began to decline;

39 WHEREAS, emails and other communications between climate researchers around the
40 globe, referred to as "Climategate," indicate a well organized and ongoing effort to manipulate
41 global temperature data in order to produce a global warming outcome;

42 WHEREAS, there has been a concerted effort by climate change alarmists to
43 marginalize those in the scientific community who are skeptical of global warming by
44 manipulating or pressuring peer-reviewed publications to keep contrary or competing
45 scientific viewpoints and findings on global warming from being reviewed and published;

46 WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a blend of
47 government officials and scientists, does no independent climate research but relies on global
48 climate researchers;

49 WHEREAS, Earth's climate is constantly changing with recent warming potentially an
50 indication of a return to more normal temperatures following a prolonged cooling period from
51 1250 to 1860 called the "Little Ice Age";

52 WHEREAS, more than \$7 billion annually in federal government grants may have
53 influenced the climate research focus and findings that have produced a "scientific consensus"
54 at research institutions and universities;

55 WHEREAS, the recently completed Copenhagen climate change summit resulted in
56 little agreement, especially among growing CO₂-emitting nations like China and India, and
57 calls on the United States to pay billions of dollars to developing countries to reduce CO₂

58 emissions at a time when the United States' national debt will exceed \$12 trillion;

59 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture estimates that current
60 legislation providing agriculture offsets and carbon credits to reduce CO2 emissions would
61 result in tree planting on 59 million acres of crop and pasture land, damaging America's food
62 security and rural communities;

63 WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, 1.6 billion people do not
64 have adequate food and clean water; and

65 WHEREAS, global governance related to global warming and reduction of CO2 would
66 ultimately lock billions of human beings into long-term poverty:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
68 urges the United States Environmental Protection Agency to immediately halt its carbon
69 dioxide reduction policies and programs and withdraw its "Endangerment Finding" and related
70 regulations until a full and independent investigation of climate data and global warming
71 science can be substantiated.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United
73 States Environmental Protection Agency and to the members of Utah's congressional
74 delegation.