

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE SPENDING OF**
2 **FEDERAL ECONOMIC RENEWAL GRANTS**

3 2010 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

6 House Sponsor: Curtis Oda

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution of the Legislature endorses the use of economic recovery monies
11 to create jobs for Utahns and expresses a commitment to use these monies to purchase
12 only products made or services performed in the United States.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

15 ▶ endorses the efforts of citizens and government to work to maximize the creation of
16 American jobs and restore economic growth and opportunity by spending recovery
17 plan funds on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans
18 employed;

19 ▶ expresses the Legislature's commitment to use any economic recovery monies
20 provided to the state of Utah by American taxpayers to purchase only products and
21 services that are made or performed in the United States whenever and wherever
22 possible; and

23 ▶ expresses support for publishing any requests to waive these procurement priorities
24 so as to give American workers and producers the opportunity to identify and
25 provide the American products and services that will maximize the success of the
26 nation's economic recovery program.

27 **Special Clauses:**

28 None

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

31 WHEREAS, the nation's economic downturn is having a critical impact on everyday
32 Americans who are struggling to maintain or find jobs in an increasingly difficult
33 environment;

34 WHEREAS, these Americans are the taxpayers that provide the revenue needed to
35 operate essential government services;

36 WHEREAS, Congress approved and President Obama signed into law a
37 taxpayer-sponsored economic recovery package that will provide billions of dollars to help
38 economically devastated cities and states immediately provide jobs to millions of out-of-work
39 Americans through considerable infrastructure rebuilding, green energy projects, and other
40 projects that will require manufactured components;

41 WHEREAS, taxpayer dollars should be spent to maximize the creation of American
42 jobs and restore the economic vitality of our communities;

43 WHEREAS, any domestically produced products that are purchased with economic
44 recovery plan monies will immediately help struggling American families and will help
45 stabilize the greater economy; and

46 WHEREAS, any economic recovery plan spending should, to every extent possible,
47 include a commitment from the citizens of Utah and its elected representatives to buy
48 materials, goods, and services for projects from companies that produce within the United
49 States, thus employing the very workers that pay the taxes for the economic recovery spending
50 plan:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
52 endorses the efforts of its citizens and government, to work to maximize the creation of
53 American jobs and restore economic growth and opportunity by spending recovery plan funds
54 on products and services that both create jobs and help keep Americans employed.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah expresses its
56 commitment to purchase only products and services that are made or performed in the United
57 States whenever and wherever possible with any economic recovery monies provided the state

58 of Utah by American taxpayers, as long as the cost of the product or service is competitive and
59 its quality is equal or comparable to others.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah supports
61 publishing any requests to waive these procurement priorities so as to give American workers
62 and producers the opportunity to identify and provide the American products and services that
63 will maximize the success of the nation's economic recovery program.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of
65 the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
66 States House of Representatives, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.