

1 **UTAH STATE FLAG CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

2 2011 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Julie Fisher**

5 Senate Sponsor: Mark B. Madsen

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes that current
10 state law accurately reflects the 1913 design of the official state flag and urges that all
11 newly manufactured, official flags of the state of Utah accurately reflect the statutory
12 description of the state flag.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

- 15 ▶ recognizes that Utah Code Section 63G-1-501 accurately reflects the 1913
16 description of the official state flag of Utah; and
- 17 ▶ urges manufacturers of state flags to modify the current design of the official flag of
18 the state of Utah to accurately reflect the description of the flag as approved by the
19 Utah Legislature in 1913.

20 **Special Clauses:**

21 None

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

24 WHEREAS, the first Utah state flag was created in 1903 at the request of Governor
25 Heber M. Wells;

26 WHEREAS, the Governor's request came by way of an invitation from the President of
27 the St. Louis World's Fair to have a delegation from Utah travel to St. Louis and dedicate the
28 site of the Utah Exhibit and have the state flag flown in a parade of the 45 states at the World's
29 Fair;

30 WHEREAS, the Utah State Society of the Daughters of the Revolution responded to the
31 Governor's request to sponsor the manufacture of the flag;

32 WHEREAS, the flag was presented to the Governor by the Society on March 31, 1903;

33 WHEREAS, alterations were made to the flag so that its appearance more closely
34 reflected the official state seal from which the design was taken;

35 WHEREAS, the Society enlisted Utah artist H.L.A. Culmer to help seamstress and flag
36 maker Agnes Teudt Fernelius in finalizing the design of the flag;

37 WHEREAS, on May 1, 1903, the Utah delegation to the St. Louis World's Fair marched
38 proudly alongside the state's new flag in the Parade of States;

39 WHEREAS, the flag was formally referred to as the Governor's flag or the Governor's
40 regimental flag until 1911, when the Legislature formally adopted its design as the official state
41 flag;

42 WHEREAS, a second flag was finished in early 1913 and presented by the state to the
43 battleship U.S.S. Utah on June 25, 1913;

44 WHEREAS, that same year, Representative Annie Wells Cannon successfully
45 introduced House Joint Resolution 1, which established the current flag design reflected in
46 statute;

47 WHEREAS, Utah Code Section 63G-1-501 describes the flag as, "a flag of blue field,
48 fringed, with gold borders, with the following device worked in natural colors on the center of
49 the blue field:

50 The center a shield; above the shield and thereon an American eagle with outstretched
51 wings; the top of the shield pierced with six arrows arranged crosswise; upon the shield under
52 the arrows the word "Industry," and below the word "Industry" on the center of the shield, a
53 beehive; on each side of the beehive, growing sego lilies; below the beehive and near the
54 bottom of the shield, the word "Utah," and below the word "Utah" and on the bottom of the
55 shield, the figures "1847"; with the appearance of being back of the shield there shall be two
56 American flags on flagstaffs placed crosswise with the flag so draped that they will project
57 beyond each side of the shield, the heads of the flagstaffs appearing in front of the eagle's

58 wings and the bottom of each staff appearing over the face of the draped flag below the shield;
59 below the shield and flags and upon the blue field, the figures "1896"; around the entire design,
60 a narrow circle in gold";

61 WHEREAS, a third state flag was prepared in 1922 which mistakenly has the year 1847
62 beneath the shield instead of on the shield, and the error has been perpetuated to this day; and

63 WHEREAS, in the interest of accurately preserving a symbol of the state's rich history,
64 and to follow the wording of Utah Code Section 63G-1-501, all new flags should be made to
65 reflect the statutory flag description and all Utah flags currently in use or in stock should be
66 utilized until unserviceable:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
68 Governor concurring therein, recognize that Utah Code Section 63G-1-501 accurately reflects
69 the 1913 description of the official state flag of Utah.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge
71 manufacturers of the state flag to modify the current design of the official flag of the state of
72 Utah to accurately reflect the description of the flag as approved by the Utah Legislature in
73 1913.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge that all Utah
75 flags be prepared in honor of past generations and for the benefit of present and future
76 generations.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Colonial Flag,
78 Annin & Company, C.F. Flag, J.C. Schultz Enterprises, Inc. / FlagSource, Valley Forge Flag,
79 Flag Zone, Quinn Flags, and to the Dixie Flag Manufacturing Company and North American
80 Vexillological Association.