

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE COMMUNITY**
2 **COVENANT PROGRAM**

3 2013 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Steve Eliason**

6 Senate Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

7 Cosponsor: Tim M. Cosgrove

9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor honors Utah citizens
12 who are serving or who have served the state of Utah in the United States Armed
13 Forces and recognizes communities participating in the Community Covenant program.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

- 15 This resolution:
- 16 ▶ honors the thousands of Utah citizens who serve or who have served the state of
17 Utah and the United States of America;
 - 18 ▶ recognizes Utah's communities and other organizations that participate in the
19 Community Covenant program; and
 - 20 ▶ encourages the citizens of the state to join in honoring the servicemembers,
21 veterans, and their families who reside in the state of Utah.

22 **Special Clauses:**

23 None

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

26 WHEREAS, the Community Covenant program is designed to foster and sustain
27 effective state and community partnerships with the United States Army to improve the quality
28 of life for soldiers and their families, both at their current duty stations and as they transfer to

29 other states;

30 WHEREAS, the Community Covenant program is a formal commitment of support by
31 state and local communities to soldiers and their families;

32 WHEREAS, while Community Covenant is a United States Army program, it extends
33 to the other military services as well, recognizing that many community efforts support all
34 servicemembers, and their families, regardless of the uniform they wear;

35 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the state of Utah recognizes that thousands of Utah
36 citizens serve or have served the state when duty has called;

37 WHEREAS, whether serving at home or abroad, reserve component or active duty,
38 these servicemembers protect our homeland, respond to natural disasters, assist in humanitarian
39 emergencies, and protect against threats to the state and the nation;

40 WHEREAS, Utah's armed forces servicemembers often leave their homes and families
41 as they deploy to areas far and near;

42 WHEREAS, Utah's communities, including civic and business leaders, employers,
43 educators, law enforcement personnel, and clergy members provide vital support for
44 servicemembers and their families at all stages of the deployment cycle, as well as to veterans
45 who have previously served; and

46 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes all of Utah's communities and other
47 organizations that participate in the Community Covenant program:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
49 Governor concurring therein, honors the thousands of Utah citizens who serve or who have
50 served the state of Utah and the United States of America.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize Utah's
52 communities and other organizations that participate in the Community Covenant program and
53 encourage the citizens of the state to join in honoring the servicemembers, veterans, and their
54 families who reside in the state of Utah.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah League
56 of Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, and the United States Army's

57 Community Covenant program.