

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE UTAH
EDUCATION EXCELLENCE COMMISSION**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020;
- ▶ expresses the Legislature's determination to work with the Governor and Utah's education stakeholders to achieve the 66% goal through increased innovation and investment, and utilizing the PACE metrics as a measure of success; and
- ▶ urges all Utahns to unite behind efforts to achieve the 66% goal.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, education is the foundation that underlies Utah's success, well-being, and prosperity;

WHEREAS, K-12 public education provides a foundation in social interaction,



28 citizenship, knowledge, understanding, and basic life skills, including reading, math, science,
29 and history;

30 WHEREAS, higher education provides opportunities for employment, service,
31 leadership, and personal enrichment;

32 WHEREAS, it is well documented that individuals with higher levels of education
33 enjoy greater health and are more engaged in civic life;

34 WHEREAS, for Utah's residents to succeed, higher education in the state must achieve
35 a new level of innovation and excellence;

36 WHEREAS, K-12 public and higher education in Utah must be strengthened and
37 empowered to increase the educational attainment of all Utahns;

38 WHEREAS, higher education in Utah provides opportunities for individuals to enhance
39 their quality of life and economic success;

40 WHEREAS, the opportunity to enhance quality of life and economic success should be
41 available to all Utahns;

42 WHEREAS, by 2020, 66% of all jobs in Utah will require postsecondary education;

43 WHEREAS, adults with a postsecondary certificate, an associate's, or bachelor's degree
44 earn 20% to 80% more than those without a degree;

45 WHEREAS, college graduates earn an average of \$650,000 more over their lifetimes
46 than high school graduates;

47 WHEREAS, only 43% of adults in Utah currently hold a higher education degree or
48 postsecondary certificate;

49 WHEREAS, the Governor, the Utah State Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher
50 Education, the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah College of Applied Technology Board
51 of Trustees, the Utah School Superintendents Association, the Utah School Boards
52 Association, the Governor's Education Excellence Commission, the Utah Association of
53 Elementary School Principals, the Utah Association of Secondary School Principals, the Utah
54 Education Association, the Utah Parent Teacher Association, and Prosperity 2020 have adopted
55 a goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year
56 2020; and

57 WHEREAS, the Governor and each of these groups have endorsed the PACE metrics
58 that focus on Preparation, Access, Completion, and Economic Success for all of Utah's

59 students:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
61 Governor concurring therein, expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of
62 Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor, working together
64 with the State Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher Education, the Utah State Board of
65 Education, the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, the Utah School
66 Superintendents Association, the Utah School Boards Association, the Governor's Education
67 Excellence Commission, the Utah Association of Elementary School Principals, the Utah
68 Association of Secondary School Principals, the Utah Education Association, the Utah Parent
69 Teacher Association, and Prosperity 2020, express their determination to achieve the 66% goal
70 through increased innovation and investment, and utilizing the PACE metrics as a measure of
71 success.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge all Utahns to
73 unite behind efforts to achieve the 66% goal.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah State
75 Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher Education, the Utah State Board of Education,
76 the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, Utah School Superintendents
77 Association, Utah School Boards Association, the Governor's Education Excellence
78 Commission, Elementary and Secondary School Principal's Associations, the Utah Education
79 Association, the Utah Parent Teacher's Association, and Prosperity 2020.

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