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1 **JOINT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND**
2 **DEVELOPMENTAL POLICIES**

3 2013 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler**

6 House Sponsor: Marc K. Roberts

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This joint resolution of the Legislature rejects United Nations Agenda 21 and urges
10 state and local governments across the United States to reject it.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

13 ► rejects United Nations Agenda 21, both its intent and its potential for abuse;

14 ► urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or implement
15 policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private
16 property rights without due process;

17 ► urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or develop
18 environmental and developmental policies that, without due process, would infringe
19 or restrict the private property rights of property owners;

20 ► urges state and local governments across the United States to be well informed
21 regarding the underlying harmful implications of implementing United Nations
22 Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development";

23 ► urges state and local governments across the United States to not enter into any
24 agreement, expend any sum of money, contract services, or give financial aid to
25 those nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations as defined in Agenda
26 21; and



28 ► urges state and local governments across the United States to reject United Nations
29 Agenda 21 and any grant money or financial aid attached to it.

30 **Special Clauses:**

31 None

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

34 WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 was initiated at the United Nations
35 Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992;

36 WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 is being introduced into local communities
37 across the United States through the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives,
38 through local "sustainable development" policies including Smart Growth America, the
39 Wildlands Project, Center for Resilient Cities, and regional visioning projects;

40 WHEREAS, the United Nations has accredited and enlisted numerous
41 nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations to assist in the implementation of its
42 policies relative to Agenda 21 around the world;

43 WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 plan of sustainable development views
44 private property ownership, single family homes, private car ownership, individual travel
45 choices, and privately owned farms as destructive to the environment;

46 WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Agenda 21 policy, social justice is
47 described as the right and opportunity of all people to benefit equally from the resources
48 afforded citizens by society and the environment, which would be accomplished by
49 redistribution of wealth; and

50 WHEREAS, according to United Nations Agenda 21 policy, national sovereignty is
51 deemed a social injustice:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
53 rejects United Nations Agenda 21, both its intent and its potential for abuse.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and
55 political subdivisions to not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or
56 inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required
57 by policy recommendations originating in, or traceable to Agenda 21, adopted by the United
58 Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development, or any other international

59 law or ancillary plan of action that contravenes the Constitution of the United States or the
60 Constitution of the state of Utah.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and
62 political subdivisions to not adopt or develop environmental and developmental policies that,
63 without due process, would infringe or restrict the private property rights of property owners.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments
65 across the United States to be well informed regarding the underlying harmful implications of
66 implementing United Nations Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development."

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments
68 across the United States to not enter into any agreement, expend any sum of money, contract
69 services, or give financial aid to those nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations
70 as defined in United Nations Agenda 21.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments
72 across the United States to reject United Nations Agenda 21 and any grant money or financial
73 aid attached to it.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Council of
75 State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of
76 Counties, the United Nations General Assembly, the Wildlands Project, Smart Growth
77 America, Center for Resilient Cities, the International Council of Local Environmental
78 Initiatives, the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the
79 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
80 Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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