

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 2015  
PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Sandra Hollins**

Senate Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses support for the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the importance of the Parliament of the World's Religions as an international conference to find common ground between faiths;
- ▶ urges support for, and participation in, the Parliament of the World's Religions; and
- ▶ recognizes the Parliament of the World's Religions' focus on addressing violence and war, decreasing wealth disparities, caring for creation, and encouraging sustainable living.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, Utah will be in the international spotlight when Salt Lake City hosts the international interfaith conference of the Parliament of the World's Religions from October 15-19, 2015;

WHEREAS, Utah has the experience and existing infrastructure to embrace people



28 from across the globe;

29 WHEREAS, over 10,000 people from around the world plan to attend the Parliament of  
30 the World's Religions to find common ground while respecting all faiths and beliefs;

31 WHEREAS, Utah has strong interfaith roots;

32 WHEREAS, Utah is the world headquarters of The Church of Jesus Christ of  
33 Latter-day Saints, which supports and promotes interfaith connections;

34 WHEREAS, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Newsroom web page  
35 titled "Environmental Stewardship and Conservation" states, "All humankind are stewards over  
36 the earth and should gratefully use what God has given, avoid wasting life and resources and  
37 use the bounty of the earth to care for the poor and the needy" and "The earth and all things on  
38 it should be used responsibly to sustain the human family. However, all are stewards -- not  
39 owners -- over this earth and its bounty and will be accountable before God for what they do  
40 with His creations";

41 WHEREAS, the 2015 theme of the Parliament of the World's Religions is "Reclaiming  
42 the Heart of our Humanity: Working Together for a World of Compassion, Peace, Justice, and  
43 Sustainability";

44 WHEREAS, the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions will focus on addressing  
45 violence and war, decreasing wealth disparities, caring for creation, and encouraging  
46 sustainable living;

47 WHEREAS, the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions will put extra time and  
48 energy into reaching out to three special groups – namely, young people and students,  
49 indigenous peoples, and women;

50 WHEREAS, the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions will host His Holiness the  
51 Dalai Lama and several other Nobel Peace Prize winners and religious dignitaries; and

52 WHEREAS, the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions will generate over \$14  
53 million in tourist-participant related revenues for the local economy:

54 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
55 Governor concurring therein, welcomes the thousands of participants in the Parliament of the  
56 World's Religions from around the world to the state of Utah.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor particularly  
58 welcome young people and students, indigenous peoples, and women as participants in the

59 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor welcome His  
61 Holiness the Dalai Lama and several other Nobel Peace Prize winners and religious dignitaries.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize the  
63 Parliament of the World's Religions' focus on addressing violence and war, decreasing wealth  
64 disparities, caring for creation, and encouraging sustainable living.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize the  
66 importance of a strong interfaith movement.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the international  
68 interfaith conference of the Parliament of the World's Religions and the Salt Lake Interfaith  
69 Roundtable.

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