

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CHANGE UTAH'S  
DESIGNATED TIME ZONE AND OBSERVANCE OF  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Aaron Osmond**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor calls for the change of Utah's designated time zone and observance of daylight saving time.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ requires the creation and submission of an application to the United States Department of Transportation to permanently change Utah's designated time zone;
- ▶ calls upon the United States Department of Transportation to approve the state's application to change the designated time zone from mountain standard time to central standard time; and
- ▶ intends, contingent upon the approval of Utah's application for the state's transfer of designated time zone, that Utah opt out of daylight saving time and observe standard time year round.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is vested with the



28 authority to change the designated time zone of a state under the Uniform Time Act of 1966,  
29 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261, if the change is in the "convenience of commerce";

30 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor have determined that it is in the  
31 economic and commercial interest of the citizens of Utah to change Utah's designated time  
32 zone from mountain standard time to central standard time;

33 WHEREAS, Utah's adoption of central standard time is in the interest of the United  
34 States;

35 WHEREAS, the adoption of central standard time would increase, for one hour,  
36 daylight in the evening hours;

37 WHEREAS, one extra hour of daylight in the evening will reduce household and  
38 commercial energy use, reduce traffic accidents, increase commercial activity, and increase the  
39 tax base of Utah and the United States; and

40 WHEREAS, the adoption of central standard time would further provide for the  
41 "convenience of commerce," within that term's meaning in the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15  
42 U.S.C. Sec. 261:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
44 Governor concurring therein, calls upon and orders the Utah Department of Transportation to  
45 create an application, in accordance with the United States Department of Transportation's  
46 policies and procedures, to change the state of Utah's designated time zone from its current  
47 designation of mountain standard time to central standard time before January 1, 2016, in  
48 accordance with 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor certify that the  
50 application to the United States Department of Transportation that is created under the  
51 direction of this concurrent resolution is created and submitted with the approval of, and on  
52 behalf of, the Legislature and Governor of this state.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United  
54 States Department of Transportation to approve Utah's application to change from the  
55 observance of mountain standard time to central standard time.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Utah's change from mountain standard time to  
57 central standard time would further provide for the "convenience of commerce," within that  
58 term's meaning in the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of the application to the United  
60 States Department of Transportation, Utah shall adopt and observe central standard time.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon Utah's adoption of central standard time, the  
62 state shall be exempt from the provisions of the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec.  
63 260a, commonly referred to as daylight saving time.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of  
65 the United States Department of Transportation, the Utah Department of Transportation, and  
66 the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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