

28 communism, collectively known as the Cold War;

29 WHEREAS, this global struggle, potentially the most dangerous military confrontation  
30 in the history of mankind, ended successfully for the United States and the free world with the  
31 collapse of the Soviet Union and the easing of worldwide military tensions;

32 WHEREAS, millions of servicemen and women were deployed around the world,  
33 including Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, to stand guard against aggression and advance the  
34 cause of freedom in the face of a hostile enemy;

35 WHEREAS, Department of Defense civilians, members of the intelligence community,  
36 foreign service officers, and support personnel in the United States made faithful and lasting  
37 contributions in the performance of their duties during the Cold War;

38 WHEREAS, periods of active armed conflict, including the wars in Korea, Vietnam,  
39 and the Middle East, resulted in heroic actions and individuals paying the ultimate sacrifice to  
40 help defeat those that would harm the United States and its allies;

41 WHEREAS, members of the Armed Forces served overseas under arduous conditions,  
42 isolated from family and friends in order to protect the United States and achieve a lasting  
43 peace;

44 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of Utahns answered the call to honorably serve  
45 across the globe in defense of freedom, whether on active duty or as members of the Utah  
46 National Guard or in the reserves;

47 WHEREAS, the United States Congress commended members of the Armed Forces  
48 and government civilian personnel who served during the Cold War and expressed gratitude  
49 and appreciation for their service and sacrifices;

50 WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 1084 of the National Defense Authorization  
51 Act for Fiscal Year 1998, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition  
52 Certificates to all members of the Armed Forces and qualified federal government civilians  
53 who faithfully and honorably served during the Cold War era, defined as September 2, 1945, to  
54 December 26, 1991;

55 WHEREAS, a medal, commissioned by **H→ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4918 and**  
55a **endorsed by ←H** the Utah Veterans of Foreign Wars,  
56 commemorates those men and women from Utah whose service and sacrifice assisted in  
57 achieving the Cold War victory; and

58 WHEREAS, the State of Utah created the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission