

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING NATIONAL SPEECH**
2 **AND DEBATE EDUCATION DAY**

3 2017 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto**

6 House Sponsor: Susan Pulsipher

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This resolution of the Legislature designates March 3, 2017, as "National Speech and
11 Debate Education Day" in Utah.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ recognizes the benefits of speech and debate education for students;
- 15 ▶ acknowledges the hard work and dedication of educators and their positive impact
- 16 on students; and
- 17 ▶ designates March 3, 2017, as "National Speech and Debate Education Day" in Utah.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19 None

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

22 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day, established by the National
23 Speech and Debate Association in conjunction with local partners, serves to promote better
24 instruction in speech and debate across all grade levels and to highlight the pivotal roles these
25 abilities play in personal advocacy, social movements, and public policy making;

26 WHEREAS, speech and debate education helps students develop important skills in
27 communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration through the practice of public
28 speaking;

29 WHEREAS, participants in speech and debate education learn not only to analyze and

30 express complex ideas effectively but also to listen, concur, question, or dissent with reason
31 and compassion;

32 WHEREAS, countless educators across the country devote in-school, after-school, and
33 weekend time to support students in speech and debate practices and competitions, and their
34 hard work and dedication has a lasting and positive impact on their pupils;

35 WHEREAS, the skills learned through speech and debate serve students well
36 throughout their lives; and

37 WHEREAS, National Speech and Debate Education Day presents a welcome
38 opportunity to recognize such instruction as an essential component of a well-rounded
39 curriculum:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
41 designates March 3, 2017, as National Speech and Debate Education Day in the state of Utah.