

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

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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

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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.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**