

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND**
2 **ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP**

3 2018 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

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19 **LONG TITLE**

20 **General Description:**

21 This resolution encourages the responsible stewardship of natural resources and
22 reduction of emissions through incentives and support of the growth in technologies
23 and services that will enlarge the economy.

24 **Highlighted Provisions:**

25 This bill:

- 26 ▶ acknowledges Utah's tradition of stewardship, innovation, ingenuity, and problem
- 27 solving;
- 28 ▶ recognizes the need for responsible stewardship and prudent management of natural

- 29 resources;
- 30 ▶ recognizes the impacts of a changing climate on Utah citizens;
- 31 ▶ expresses commitment to create and support economically viable and broadly
- 32 supported solutions, including in rural communities;
- 33 ▶ encourages the use and analysis of sound science to understand the causes and
- 34 impacts of local and regional climates;
- 35 ▶ encourages resilient ecosystems that can better adapt to our changing environment;
- 36 and
- 37 ▶ encourages the reduction of emissions through incentives and the support of growth
- 38 in technologies and services that enlarge the economy.

39 **Special Clauses:**

40 None



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

43 WHEREAS, Utah has a tradition of supporting good stewardship of our land, air, and
44 water;

45 WHEREAS, Utah is a leader in technological innovation, ingenuity in problem-solving,
46 and working together to create solutions;

47 WHEREAS, preservation of Utah's economic longevity and role as a leader in fiscal
48 responsibility depends on prudent management of natural resources;

49 WHEREAS, protection, conservation, and reasonable management of the natural
50 environment are essential principles of responsible stewardship;

51 WHEREAS, Utah recognizes the inherent worth of our natural resources, in addition to
52 their economic value, in their contribution to our identity and their role in inspiring creativity,
53 strengthening families, and providing for future generations;

54 WHEREAS, the Department of Health has issued a report outlining the increased risk
55 of extreme weather events, including wildfires, water scarcity, and flooding;

56 WHEREAS, the impacts of a changing climate may affect Utah citizens and impair

57 productivity in key economic areas;

58 WHEREAS, any efforts to mitigate the risks of, prepare for, or otherwise address our
59 changing climate and its effects should not constrain the economy nor its global
60 competitiveness; and

61 WHEREAS, Utah recognizes that stewardship includes fostering and maintaining
62 resilient ecosystems that have the capacity to adapt to our changing environment:

63 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
64 Governor concurring therein, commits to working constructively, using our heritage of
65 technological ingenuity, innovation, and leadership to create and support economically viable
66 and broadly supported private and public solutions, including in rural communities.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we should prioritize our understanding and use of
68 sound science to address causes of a changing climate and support innovation and
69 environmental stewardship in order to realize positive solutions.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage
71 individuals, corporations, and state agencies to reduce emissions through incentives and
72 support of the growth in technologies and services that will enlarge our economy in a way that
73 is both energy efficient and cost effective.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of
75 Utah's congressional delegation.