

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING HISTORIC  
AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CANADA,  
THE UNITED STATES, AND UTAH**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the unique and important relationship between the state of Utah and Canada and between the United States and Canada.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ honors Canada's contributions as our partner in environmental, energy, economic, trade, and joint military endeavors; and
- ▶ recognizes the 60th anniversary of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD).

**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 and Canada share not only a 5,522-mile border, which is the world's longest, but also a vibrant history of democratic governance, military and economic partnerships, and cultural ties;

WHEREAS, relations between the United States and Canada span more than two



28 centuries, and the two nations have developed one of the most successful international  
29 relationships in the modern world;

30 WHEREAS, the relationship between the United States and Canada is unique in the  
31 world, and the two nations have a shared prosperity fostered by two-way investments and jobs;

32 WHEREAS, the United States and Canada have the largest and most comprehensive  
33 trade relationship in the world, totaling nearly \$635 billion in goods and services crossing our  
34 shared border each year, with the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) providing  
35 the framework for much of this bilateral trade;

36 WHEREAS, Utah contributes significantly to this relationship, with bilateral trade  
37 totaling \$3.3 billion;

38 WHEREAS, nearly nine million American jobs were dependent on trade with Canada  
39 in 2016, including nearly 78,900 jobs in Utah;

40 WHEREAS, Canada is a friendly neighbor with whom the United States has an  
41 excellent trading, political, and defense relationship;

42 WHEREAS, the United States welcomes more tourists from Canada than from any  
43 other country and in 2016, Utah welcomed 348,400 visitors from Canada who spent an  
44 estimated \$110 million in the state;

45 WHEREAS, the United States' bilateral cooperation with Canada in defense is a natural  
46 complement to the extensive geographic, political, economic, cultural, and social ties that link  
47 our two countries;

48 WHEREAS, defense and security relations between our two countries, underpinned by  
49 our integrated American and Canadian forces at North American Aerospace Defense  
50 Command, or NORAD, which defends the North American continent, are long-standing,  
51 well-entrenched, and highly successful;

52 WHEREAS, NORAD is a unique and indispensable expression of one of the most  
53 extensive defense relationships in the world;

54 WHEREAS, for 60 years, members of the Canadian armed forces have served in the  
55 United States as partners in NORAD;

56 WHEREAS, the continued service with valor and honor of American and Canadian  
57 men and women serving at the North American Aerospace Defense Command is central to  
58 North America's ability to confront and successfully defeat threats of the 21st century; and

59 WHEREAS, the continuation of the longstanding and successful relationship between  
60 the United States and Canada through the North American Aerospace Defense Command is  
61 paramount to the future security of the people of the United States and Canada:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
63 Governor concurring therein, expresses deep appreciation to the people and government of  
64 Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and government of  
65 the United States.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize the  
67 important economic and trade relationships between the two nations and the role that NAFTA  
68 has played in creating economic opportunities on both sides of the border.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor commemorate  
70 NORAD's 60th anniversary and recognize the contributions made by our soldiers to jointly  
71 secure North America and promote international peace and security.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor honor our friend  
73 and ally, Canada, and look forward to many more years of cooperation, friendship, trade,  
74 tourism, and goodwill.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this concurrent resolution be sent to the  
76 President of the United States; the Prime Minister of Canada; the United States Secretary of  
77 Defense; the Minister of National Defense of Canada; the United States Secretary of State; the  
78 Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada; the United States Ambassador to Canada; Canada's  
79 Ambassador to the United States; the Commander and Deputy Commander of North American  
80 Aerospace Defense Command; the Governor of Colorado; Canada's Consul General to Utah;  
81 and Utah's congressional delegation.

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