

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING SENATOR ORRIN**

2 **HATCH**

3 2018 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

6 House Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This resolution honors Senator Orrin G. Hatch for his service to the state of Utah.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

13 ▶ designates Wednesday, February 21, 2018, as "Orrin G. Hatch Day" in recognition
14 of Senator Hatch's singular legislative accomplishments and dedicated service to the
15 people of Utah.

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 None

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

20 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch has dutifully served the people of Utah in the United States
21 Senate for more than four decades;

22 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch has passed more bills into law than any legislator alive today,
23 including some of the most significant bipartisan achievements of modern times;

24 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch, as the longest-serving member and former chairman of the
25 Senate Judiciary Committee, has long sought to protect the integrity of our courts, strengthen
26 privacy protections, defend intellectual property rights, and clarify our nation's criminal code;

27 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch has played an indispensable role in the confirmation of more
28 than 1,800 Article III judges, including every sitting Supreme Court justice;

29 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch was recently named "The Most Effective Senator" in the

30 nation by the Center for Effective Lawmaking--a nonpartisan research organization;

31 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch has long stood as an ardent defender of religious liberty, from
32 his authorship of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to his unwavering advocacy on behalf
33 of faith-based organizations across the country;

34 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch, as the lead sponsor of the Hatch-Waxman Act, is today
35 widely esteemed as the founder of the modern generic drug industry;

36 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch helped improve access, mobility, and quality of life for
37 millions of Americans with his sponsorship of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act;

38 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch authored the historic Dietary Supplement Health and
39 Education Act, providing a legal framework for a multi-billion-dollar industry that has created
40 countless jobs in the state of Utah;

41 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch, as the longest-serving Republican on the Senate Intelligence
42 Committee, provided critical counsel and timely analysis on some of the most consequential
43 national security issues of our time;

44 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch, as chairman of the Senate Republican High-Tech Task Force,
45 has been integral to the development of Silicon Slopes and Utah's technology industry;

46 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch, as chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources
47 Committee, worked to enact laws that have improved our nation's health and well-being and
48 that have helped to ensure an economically vibrant workforce;

49 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch, as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has
50 championed policies to promote a pro-trade, pro-growth agenda, including the recent overhaul
51 of our nation's tax code;

52 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch serves as the president pro tempore of the United States
53 Senate;

54 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch holds the distinction of being the longest-serving Senator in
55 Utah's history; and

56 WHEREAS, Orrin Hatch has done immeasurable good for the state of Utah and the
57 nation:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
59 Governor concurring therein, designates Wednesday, February 21, 2018, as "Orrin G. Hatch
60 Day" in recognition of Senator Hatch's singular legislative accomplishments and dedicated
61 service to the people of Utah.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority
63 and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and the members of Utah's congressional
64 delegation.