

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CHANGE UTAH'S
DESIGNATED TIME ZONE AND OBSERVANCE OF
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

House Sponsor: Norman K. Thurston

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor calls for the change of Utah's designated time zone and observance of daylight saving time.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ directs the Utah Department of Transportation to create and submit an application to the United States Department of Transportation to change Utah's designated time zone from mountain standard time to central standard time;

▶ urges the United States Department of Transportation to approve the state's application to change the designated time zone; and

▶ intends, contingent on the approval of Utah's application for the state's transfer of designated time zone, that Utah opt out of daylight saving time and observe central standard time year-round.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation is vested with the



28 authority to change the designated time zone of a state under the Uniform Time Act of 1966,
29 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261, if the change is in the "convenience of commerce";

30 WHEREAS, the Legislature and the Governor have determined that it is in the
31 economic and commercial interest of the citizens of Utah to change Utah's designated time
32 zone from mountain standard time to central standard time;

33 WHEREAS, Utah's adoption of central standard time is in the interest of the United
34 States;

35 WHEREAS, the adoption of central standard time would increase, for one hour,
36 daylight in the evening hours;

37 WHEREAS, one extra hour of daylight in the evening will reduce household and
38 commercial energy use, reduce traffic accidents, increase commercial activity, and increase the
39 tax base of Utah and the United States;

40 WHEREAS, the adoption of central standard time would further provide for the
41 "convenience of commerce," within that term's meaning in the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15
42 U.S.C. Sec. 261; and

43 WHEREAS, upon adoption of central standard time, the Legislature intends to enact
44 legislation, in accordance with the Uniform Time Act of 1966, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 260a, that would
45 exempt Utah from daylight saving time and allow the state to remain on central standard time
46 year-round:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
48 Governor concurring therein, directs the Utah Department of Transportation to create an
49 application before January 1, 2019, in accordance with the United States Department of
50 Transportation's policies and procedures and 15 U.S.C. Sec. 261, to change the state of Utah's
51 designated time zone from its current designation of mountain standard time to central standard
52 time.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor certify that the
54 application to the United States Department of Transportation that is created under the
55 direction of this concurrent resolution is created and submitted with the approval of, and on
56 behalf of, the Legislature and Governor of this state.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United
58 States Department of Transportation to approve Utah's application to change from the

59 designation of mountain standard time to central standard time.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon approval of the application to the United
61 States Department of Transportation, Utah shall adopt and observe central standard time.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of
63 the United States Department of Transportation, the Executive Director of the Utah
64 Department of Transportation, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

Legislative Review Note
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