

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 400TH**
2 **ANNIVERSARY OF THE HISTORIC VOYAGE OF THE**
3 **MAYFLOWER AND THE SIGNING OF THE MAYFLOWER**
4 **COMPACT**

5 2020 GENERAL SESSION

6 STATE OF UTAH

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15 **LONG TITLE**

16 **General Description:**

17 This concurrent resolution commemorates the 400th anniversary of the historic voyage
18 of the Mayflower and the signing of the Mayflower Compact.

19 **Highlighted Provisions:**

20 This resolution:

- 21 ▶ recognizes the historic significance of the passengers and crew who undertook a
- 22 journey inspired by a desire for religious freedom;
- 23 ▶ recognizes the 400th anniversary of the founding of Plymouth Colony;
- 24 ▶ recognizes the 400th anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact; and
- 25 ▶ recognizes the Mayflower Compact as the beginning of democracy in the United
- 26 States.

27 **Special Clauses:**

28 None

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

31 WHEREAS, in 1608, a group of men, women, and children fled from an English
32 village in pursuit of a fresh start in the Netherlands;

33 WHEREAS, the group was known as religious Separatists from the Church of England;

34 WHEREAS, the group of religious Separatists would eventually be known as Pilgrims;

35 WHEREAS, in 1620, the Pilgrims set sail for the New World on September 6, on the
36 Mayflower;

37 WHEREAS, after more than two months at sea, the Mayflower anchored at what is
38 known today as Provincetown, Massachusetts;

39 WHEREAS, 41 men drafted and signed the Mayflower Compact;

40 WHEREAS, the Mayflower Compact formed Plymouth Colony, which was composed
41 of a "civil body politic" that would be governed with just and equal laws;

42 WHEREAS, the Mayflower Compact is viewed as the genesis of democracy in the
43 United States; and

44 WHEREAS, November 11, 2020, will be the 400th anniversary of the signing of the
45 Mayflower Compact:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Legislature, the Governor concurring
47 therein, recognizes and expresses gratitude for the courage of the Pilgrim Separatists to seek
48 freedom at a great cost to establish a colony in United States.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize
50 principles of the Mayflower Compact as the initial attempt in what is now the United States at
51 self-governance under democratic laws.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor commemorate
53 2020 as the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the signing of the
54 Mayflower Compact.