

1                                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE**  
2                                   **INTRODUCTION OF WOLVES**

3                                   2020 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Logan Wilde**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10                   This concurrent resolution addresses the introduction of wolves into the Southern  
11 Rockies.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13                   This resolution:

- 14                   ▶ acknowledges efforts to introduce wolves into the Southern Rockies;
- 15                   ▶ discusses the impacts of the introduction of wolves in Idaho and Wyoming;
- 16                   ▶ presents harms to the state should wolves travel into Utah;
- 17                   ▶ provides that the Legislature and Governor oppose the artificial human introduction  
18 of wolves into the Southern Rockies; and
- 19                   ▶ calls upon governmental entities to block efforts to force wolves on Utah.

20 **Special Clauses:**

21                   None

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

24                   WHEREAS, there are parties who are pursuing artificial human introduction of wolves  
25 into the Southern Rockies, specifically including Colorado, Utah, and other states;

26                   WHEREAS, the artificial introduction of Canadian wolves into Idaho and Wyoming  
27 and the rapid expansion and growth of wolf populations outside of those introduction areas has  
28 resulted in significant harm to indigenous wildlife populations of shiras moose, elk, mule deer,  
29 and other wildlife species, and harm to livestock producers;

30           WHEREAS, wolf populations grow and travel outside areas of artificial introduction;  
31           WHEREAS, a forced introduction of wolves could cost taxpayer dollars, redirect  
32 already limited wildlife management resources, and have a significant negative economic  
33 impact to the state; and

34           WHEREAS, the Legislature has struck a balance concerning wolf management that  
35 would be disturbed by a significant influx of wolves as a result of artificial introduction of  
36 wolves in surrounding states:

37           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
38 Governor concurring therein, opposes the artificial human introduction of wolves into the  
39 Southern Rockies, specifically including Colorado and any area where the wolves will travel  
40 into or within the state of Utah which will result in widespread regional impacts and harm in  
41 the state of Utah.

42           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor call upon the  
43 President of the United States, the United States Department of the Interior, and Congress, to  
44 block efforts to force wolves on the state of Utah to preserve the historical and conservation  
45 values of Utah, its wildlife, its family ranchers, its economy, its outdoor heritage, and its  
46 citizens.

47           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of  
48 the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, and each  
49 member of Utah's congressional delegation.