

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LUANN ADAMS**
2 **FOR HER SERVICE AS COMMISSIONER OF THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD**

4 2020 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Lee B. Perry**

7 Senate Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This concurrent resolution recognizes LuAnn Adams for her service as the
12 commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

- 15 ▶ recognizes the dedication and public service of LuAnn Adams; and
- 16 ▶ expresses appreciation for LuAnn Adams' many contributions to the state of Utah.

17 **Special Clauses:**

18 None

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

21 WHEREAS, LuAnn Adams was the first woman to lead the Department of Agriculture
22 and Food as the commissioner of agriculture and food and served in that capacity for more than
23 five years;

24 WHEREAS, LuAnn Adams graduated from LDS Business College with an Associate's
25 degree;

26 WHEREAS, LuAnn Adams served for 16 years as the Box Elder County Recorder and
27 Clerk from 1995 through 2011;



28 WHEREAS, during her time as the Box Elder County Recorder and Clerk, LuAnn
29 Adams designed the county's online Property Information System and led the Geographic
30 Information Systems division after absorbing the duties of the county surveyor when the
31 previous county surveyor retired;

32 WHEREAS, LuAnn Adams on a number of state boards, including the Utah Association
33 of Counties Board of Directors, the Utah Recorder's Association, the Utah State University
34 Advisory Board, and the National Association of Counties Agriculture and Rural Affairs
35 Steering Committee;

36 WHEREAS, LuAnn Adams served as a Box Elder County Commissioner from 2011
37 through 2013;

38 WHEREAS, during her service as a Box Elder County Commissioner, LuAnn Adams
39 was instrumental in the creation of the state's first county-adopted sage grouse protection plan,
40 which protected local agriculture and other economic interests by helping to keep the sage
41 grouse off the federal Threatened and Endangered Species list;

42 WHEREAS, in her role as a Box Elder County Commissioner, LuAnn Adams also
43 started a \$2.5 million improvement project at the Box Elder County Fairgrounds to help
44 increase tourism;

45 WHEREAS, LuAnn Adams was appointed as Utah's seventh commissioner of
46 agriculture and food on December 20, 2013 and took office in January, 2014, overseeing nearly
47 200 employees from eight divisions in the Department of Agriculture and Food that administer
48 a wide variety of programs including food safety for consumers, livestock grazing,
49 management of weeds and invasive plants, land and water conservation projects, and weights
50 and measures which ensure that gas pumps provide accurate amounts of fuel purchased;

51 WHEREAS, in her role as the commissioner of agriculture and food, LuAnn Adams led
52 the department's efforts to operate more efficiently and effectively;

53 WHEREAS, LuAnn Adams led the state's efforts to create Utah's Own, a unified brand
54 and marketing campaign for gourmet food products from farmers across the state;

55 WHEREAS, LuAnn Adams has a reputation as a consensus builder who can bring
56 together persons with different interests to realize goals and objectives; and

57 WHEREAS, LuAnn Adams' many significant state and local contributions merit
58 recognition:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
60 Governor concurring therein, recognizes the dedication and public service of LuAnn Adams as
61 commissioner of agriculture and food and expresses appreciation for her many contributions to
62 the state.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution is sent to LuAnn Adams.