

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

7 **Chief Sponsor: Marie H. Poulson**

8 Senate Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

10 **LONG TITLE**

11 **General Description:**

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

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This resolution:

- 16 ▶ recognizes the historic significance of the passengers and crew who undertook a
17 journey inspired by a desire for religious freedom;
- 18 ▶ recognizes the 400th anniversary of the founding of Plymouth Colony;
- 19 ▶ recognizes the 400th anniversary of the signing of the Mayflower Compact; and
- 20 ▶ recognizes the Mayflower Compact as the beginning of democracy in the United
21 States.

22 **Special Clauses:**

23 None

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

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



28 WHEREAS, the group was known as religious Separatists from the Church of England;
29 WHEREAS, the group of religious Separatists would eventually be known as Pilgrims;
30 WHEREAS, in 1620, the Pilgrims set sail for the New World on September 6, on the
31 Mayflower;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor commemorate
48 2020 as the 400th anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower and the signing of the
49 Mayflower Compact.