

**Representative Rex P. Shipp** proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RESOLUTION ADDRESSING USE OF NAMES,  
IMAGES, AND SYMBOLS OF NATIVE AMERICANS AND**

**OTHER INDIGENOUS PEOPLE**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Rex P. Shipp**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature addresses the use of names, images, and symbols of Native Americans and other indigenous people.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▶ acknowledges the importance of schools or places to properly educate students and communities of the history and significance of the names, images, and symbols being appropriately used;

▶ expresses support for the appropriate use of names, images, and symbols of Native Americans and other indigenous people by schools or places; and

▶ discourages removing names, images, and symbols of Native Americans and other indigenous people from schools or places.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*



26 WHEREAS, Utah has a long history of positive contributions of Native Americans and  
27 American Indian tribes in the state;

28 WHEREAS, there are schools or places within the state that use names, images, or  
29 symbols of Native Americans or other indigenous people;

30 WHEREAS, use of these names, images, or symbols can be authentic, appropriate, and  
31 accurate when used carefully with cultural sensitivity;

32 WHEREAS, there are over 500 different tribes in the nation with varied cultures,  
33 histories, beliefs, languages, and dialects that should be accurately reflected when names,  
34 images, or symbols are used by schools or places in this state;

35 WHEREAS, there are Native Americans who want to preserve positive names, images,  
36 or symbols that give tribute to American Indian culture;

37 WHEREAS, Utah Tribal leaders have expressed desires to educate communities on the  
38 history of their tribes;

39 WHEREAS, schools or others using names, images, or symbols of Native Americans or  
40 other indigenous people can be educated, including by local Native American tribes, on the  
41 history and significance of a name, image, or symbol, and on how to use these names, images,  
42 or symbols in non-offensive culturally appropriate ways; and

43 WHEREAS, the contributions of Native Americans to the state should be  
44 acknowledged:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the state of Utah, that  
46 the Legislature supports the appropriate use of names, images, or symbols of Native Americans  
47 or other indigenous people by schools or other places.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, discourages  
49 removal of names, images, or symbols of Native Americans or other indigenous people by  
50 schools or other places, unless after a careful and effective public process, the appropriate  
51 government entity determines that there is a consensus amongst the affected individual Native  
52 American or other indigenous people that a name, image, or symbol should be removed.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Tribal  
54 Leaders of Tribes within Utah, the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association  
55 of Counties for distribution to all their constituents, each school district in the state, and each  
56 institution within the State System of Higher Education listed in Section [53B-1-102](#).

