

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FARMERS**

2 **FEEDING UTAH**

3 2021 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Scott H. Chew**

6 Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

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LONG TITLE

8 **General Description:**

9 This concurrent resolution addresses the Farmers Feeding Utah program.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This resolution:

- 12 ▶ outlines past difficulties for Utah's resilient agriculture community and Utah
- 13 families;
- 14 ▶ describes the creation of the Farmers Feeding Utah program; and
- 15 ▶ recognizes the Farmers Feeding Utah program and its benefits to Utah.

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 None

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

19 WHEREAS, agriculture has always been a vital part of Utah's communities and culture;

20 WHEREAS, the trials of the year 2020 and COVID-19 showcased the resilience of
21 Utah's agricultural community;

22 WHEREAS, Utah farmers and ranchers were no different than farmers and ranchers
23 across the nation who were faced with difficulties of getting their products processed and
24 delivered to market;

25 WHEREAS, many farmers and ranchers faced the very real possibility of the farmer's or
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28 rancher's products spoiling, ending up in a landfill, or being dumped onto the ground like many
29 dairy farmers had to do;

30 WHEREAS, at the same time, many Utah families faced financial difficulties, many for
31 the first time, and the state experienced a 300% increase in food assistance;

32 WHEREAS, the Utah Farm Bureau, which has been a part of Utah since Utah was a
33 fledgling state, has as the Utah Farm Bureau's mission to "Inspire all Utah Families to connect,
34 succeed and grow through the Miracle of Agriculture";

35 WHEREAS, the Utah Farm Bureau partnered with Utah State University Extension and
36 the university's Create Better Health Program and Hunger Solutions Institution to form the
37 Farmers Feeding Utah program;

38 WHEREAS, the Farmers Feeding Utah is a program of the Miracle of Agriculture
39 Foundation;

39a **Ŝ→ WHEREAS, the Miracle of Agriculture Foundation has partnered with local law**
39b **enforcement to distribute food to families in need at events such as the recent "Cops & Crops"**
39c **Thanksgiving Miracle Project in Weber County; ←Ŝ**

40 WHEREAS, this partnership created a way to facilitate the delivery of Utah produced
41 food from Utah farmers and ranchers to Utah families in need;

42 WHEREAS, to date, Farmers Feeding Utah has raised more than \$800,000, enabling
43 them to deliver more than 1 million pounds of Utah produced food to 20,000 Utah families and
44 over 24 food pantries throughout the state;

45 WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation, one of the hardest hit areas of the United States, was
46 one of the first to receive Farmers Feeding Utah attention with deliveries of hundreds of live
47 sheep along with food to the devastated residents;

48 WHEREAS, Farmers Feeding Utah was proactive in finding a way to both sustain Utah
49 farmers and ranchers, as well as families throughout the state; and

50 WHEREAS, this process has helped unify communities through volunteer service and
51 donation opportunities;

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
53 Governor concurring therein, recognizes the Farmers Feeding Utah program as a grassroots
54 effort to care for the needs of Utah families that exemplifies the generous and caring spirit of
55 Utah's farmers and ranchers, and consequently showcasing Utah Farm Bureau's mission of
56 connecting Utah families with Utah's agriculture.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Utah Farm
58 Bureau **Ĥ→ , the Utah State University Extension, the Create Better Health Program, the**
58a **Hunger Solutions Institution, and the Miracle of Agriculture Foundation ←Ĥ .**