

Representative Norman K. Thurston proposes the following substitute bill:

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING UTAH'S
CLERKS AND ELECTION WORKERS FOR THEIR
PERFORMANCE RELATED TO UTAH'S 2020 ELECTION**

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Joel K. Briscoe

Senate Sponsor: Gene Davis

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution recognizes the success of the 2020 election.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes Utah's increase in voter turnout in the 2020 election; and
- ▶ recognizes the invaluable function that election workers provide to Utah.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, Utah had over 1.6 million registered voters during the 2020 election;

WHEREAS, Utah had the highest voter turnout in over 60 years with 90% of active registered voters casting a ballot in the 2020 election;

WHEREAS, Utah had the second highest increase in voter turnout in the nation from 2016-2020;

WHEREAS, over 92% of Utah voters cast a by-mail ballot;



26 WHEREAS, every signature of every voter is checked on vote-by-mail ballots by
27 election officials to safeguard the system against fraud;

28 WHEREAS, centralized supervision of ballot processing in county clerks' offices
29 maintains uniformity and strict compliance with laws throughout the state;

30 WHEREAS, elections are the foundation of our democracy and election officials work
31 tirelessly to protect this critical infrastructure while maintaining public confidence in the
32 outcome of our electoral processes;

33 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created complexities in the administration of
34 elections requiring election officials to conduct accurate and timely elections while protecting
35 the safety of election workers and the voting public:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
37 Governor concurring therein, recognizes the efforts of Utah's county and municipal clerks to
38 ensure the success of the 2020 election;

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor
40 concurring therein, extends its appreciation and admiration for the election officials and
41 workers of this state and the vital services that they perform in conducting this state's elections;
42 and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah
44 Municipal Clerks Association, the Utah County Clerk and Auditor Association, the Utah
45 League of Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, and the lieutenant governor's
46 office.