

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FRIENDS OF
UTAH STATE PARKS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy

Senate Sponsor: Gene Davis

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution expresses appreciation for the support and dedication of the Friends of Utah State Parks.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the work of the Division of State Parks and the support of the Friends of Utah State Parks in the management, promotion, and development of our state parks;
- ▶ expresses gratitude for the work of former presidents of the Friends of Utah State Parks; and
- ▶ expresses appreciation for the support and dedication of the Friends of Utah State Parks Board and its members, donors, and sponsors over the past 15 years.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks hosts millions of visitors each year at Utah's state parks and is the state's leading recreation expert;

WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks manages recreation services, hosts visitors,



28 plans recreation opportunities, funds recreation development, enhances recreation experiences,
29 builds recreation facilities, provides recreation programs, and brings economic growth to rural
30 communities throughout Utah;

31 WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks is recognized for having staff who provide
32 unmatched customer service;

33 WHEREAS, the Legislature applauds the outstanding outdoor recreation leadership that
34 the Division of State Parks provides to all who recreate outdoors;

35 WHEREAS, the Friends of Utah State Parks is a national example for how a private
36 non-profit organization can effectively support, advocate for, and promote state parks;

37 WHEREAS, the Friends of Utah State Parks partnered with the Division of State Parks
38 to gather financial donations, engage in park improvement projects, and offer community
39 outreach;

40 WHEREAS, the Friends of Utah State Parks had 59 different volunteer board members
41 from across the state who dedicated their time and talents to accomplishing the goals of the
42 Division of State Parks;

43 WHEREAS, with the backing and generosity of corporate sponsors, members,
44 community programs, and donors, the Friends of Utah State Parks raised \$391,000 toward
45 matching grants for special projects and tree initiative programs over the past 15 years;

46 WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks appreciates and is grateful for the contributions
47 of the Friends of Utah State Parks;

48 WHEREAS, the Division of State Parks' leadership team, consisting of Director Jeff
49 Rasmussen, Deputy Director Dave Harris, and Deputy Director Scott Strong, on behalf of all
50 Division staff, would like to express their sincere gratitude to the past Friends of Utah State
51 Parks presidents:

52 Barbara Riddle;

53 Dan McConkie;

54 Jeff Packer; and

55 Jay Christianson; and

56 WHEREAS, the Legislature would like to express the Legislature's sincere appreciation
57 to the leadership and members of the Friends of Utah State Parks, as well as the Department of
58 Natural Resources and the Division of State Parks for their support, expertise, and dedication

59 to improving and enhancing the visitor experience at Utah's 46 fabulous state parks:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
61 Governor concurring therein, expresses appreciation for the support and dedication the Friends
62 of Utah State Parks has provided for the past 15 years.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor offer their special
64 thanks to the Friends of Utah State Parks' board, members, donors, and sponsors for their
65 dedication, commitment, talents, and financial support of Utah's wonderful state parks.