

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE IN SCHOOLS**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Melissa G. Ballard**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution emphasizes the inspired ideas, principles, and values espoused in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ emphasizes the inspired values the United States was founded upon;
- ▶ highlights how the inspired values that founded the United States are embedded in the Pledge of Allegiance; and
- ▶ directs compliance with the statute and administrative rule requirements to recite the Pledge of Allegiance daily in school.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, the United States was founded upon a set of inspired ideals, principles, values, and symbols shared by the Founding Fathers, which serve as the foundation for the greatest nation the world has ever known;

WHEREAS, generations of Americans have given their lives to preserve the founding ideals of morality, individual liberty, representative government, and equality before the law;



28           WHEREAS, the political, social, and ideological divisions in contemporary society  
29 threaten to weaken, obscure, and even nullify the commitment shared to these foundational  
30 ideals, principles, and values;

31           WHEREAS, the Pledge of Allegiance embodies and represents the inspired ideals,  
32 principles, and values that bind us together as a nation;

33           WHEREAS, the Pledge of Allegiance is a solemn promise to support and defend these  
34 ideals, principles, and values;

35           WHEREAS, the repeated expression of the Pledge of Allegiance in a classroom instills  
36 in a child an appreciation for the inspired ideals, principles, and values that the United States of  
37 America represents and reminds all citizens that the nation is a nation under God, not without  
38 God;

39           WHEREAS, Section [53G-10-304](#) requires the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag to be  
40 recited once at the beginning of each day in each public school classroom in the state, led by a  
41 student in the classroom, as assigned by the classroom teacher on a rotating basis; and

42           WHEREAS, the State Board of Education, in Rule R277-475, requires each local  
43 education agency (LEA) to teach patriotic values associated with the flag of the United States  
44 as a central part of efforts to provide instruction on patriotic, civic, and character education in  
45 grades K-12:

46           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Utah, the  
47 Governor concurring therein, directs that the State Board of Education remind all LEAs of the  
48 obligation under statute and to take sufficient measures in ensuring that the Pledge of  
49 Allegiance is recited in every Utah classroom at the beginning of every school day.