

**JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE NORTHERN UTAH
VETERANS CEMETERY GRANT SUBMISSION**

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ann Millner

House Sponsor: Katy Hall

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution encourages the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to submit a grant application for assistance in the construction of a new veterans cemetery.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ honors all who have served in the United States Armed Forces;
- ▶ recognizes that many of Utah's veterans live north of Salt Lake County; and
- ▶ encourages and supports the submission of a grant application to the Veterans

Cemetery Grant Program.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, Utah honors and is proud of all who have worn the uniform of our great nation while serving in the United States Armed Forces;

WHEREAS, Utah is home to almost 150,000 military veterans;

WHEREAS, there is one state-owned veterans cemetery in Utah under the oversight of the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs providing a final resting place for veterans;



28 WHEREAS, the current veterans cemetery is located in Bluffdale at the Salt Lake and
29 Utah County line;

30 WHEREAS, less than 10% of interments at the Veterans Cemetery are north of Salt
31 Lake County;

32 WHEREAS, counties north of Salt Lake County are home to over 41,000 veterans; and

33 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, through the National
34 Cemetery Administration, participates with states in the construction of state-owned veterans
35 cemeteries by way of the Veterans Cemetery Grant Program:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
37 supports the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs in applying for a grant to assist
38 in the construction of a new veterans cemetery at a location north of Salt Lake County.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah encourages the
40 Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to submit a grant application to the United
41 States Department of Veterans Affairs for participation in the Veterans Cemetery Grant
42 Program.