

28 of about 20,000 people, and they constitute the second-largest Latino population in the state,
29 according to a recent report on New Americans in Utah by the American Immigration Council;

30 WHEREAS, many Salvadorans emigrated seeking peace and security, fleeing the
31 aftermath of a civil war, gang violence, and a series of natural disasters dating back to the early
32 1970s;

33 WHEREAS, through the years, multigenerational Salvadoran-American families have
34 established a new home in Utah through tenacious effort and immense sacrifice, providing for
35 their families and contributing to Utah's economy;

36 WHEREAS, the state of Utah welcomes a number of legal temporary farmworkers
37 every year who come to alleviate labor shortages in the state's agricultural sector;

38 WHEREAS, similar federal immigration programs, such as the ~~H~~→ [Temporal] Temporary
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39 Status and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, have made it possible for Salvadorans to
40 gain legal status and become an integral part of the fabric of the state of Utah;

41 WHEREAS, the Salvadoran community in Utah has brought forward meaningful
42 cultural and economic contributions to the state through numerous means in areas such as
43 gastronomy, skilled trade, and art;

44 WHEREAS, Salvadoran-Americans in Utah have an entrepreneurial spirit, with many
45 owning businesses that create jobs and contribute hundreds of thousands of dollars to the state's
46 economy;

47 WHEREAS, Salvadoran-Americans in Utah actively participate in volunteerism and
48 social and civic engagement, further promoting their sense of American pride while preserving
49 their cultural identity, passing their traditions to future generations, and enriching the cultural
50 diversity of our state;

51 WHEREAS, El Salvador and the state of Utah share many common values including
52 the respect for families and serve as economic vanguards in their respective regions;

53 WHEREAS, Salvadorans and Utahns are known for upholding industry, valuing hard
54 work, and recognizing the importance of personal development through education as principles
55 of progress;

56 WHEREAS, El Salvador has an emerging innovative economy and continues to
57 improve its security conditions, and is on its way to becoming one of the safest countries in
58 Latin America;