

26 increasingly divided political climate;

27 WHEREAS, understanding the legislative process, our system of government, and the
28 role of civic engagement in a democracy is an important part of preparing Utah's youth to
29 become the next generation of voters and civic leaders;

30 WHEREAS, because of their role as civic leaders, Utah's legislators are uniquely
31 positioned to teach students about the state's government and legislative process, explain the
32 role and responsibilities of legislators, and explain the crucial role of civic participation; **H→ and**
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33 WHEREAS, Utah's legislators have a history of engaging students in the classroom,
34 which is a valuable experience for legislators and students alike **H→ [; and**

35 ~~WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) provides a wide~~
36 ~~variety of educational resources legislators can use during school visits to teach students about~~
37 ~~the legislative process] ←H :~~

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature urges each member of
39 the Legislature to actively engage with students and schools in their districts and teach these
40 students about representative democracy and the legislative process.

41 **H→ [BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages legislators to use**
42 **NCSL's civics education resources and materials when visiting classrooms.] ←H**