

**JOINT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING COMMUNISM AND
SOCIALISM**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy

House Sponsor: Trevor Lee

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution condemns communism and socialism.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ exalts the principles of the United States Constitution;
- ▶ reaffirms the principles of the free market; and
- ▶ condemns the destructive nature of socialism and communism in society.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, the state of Utah has a history of upholding the principles of liberty, freedom, and individual rights enshrined in the United States Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States serves as a beacon of democracy, ensuring the individual rights and freedoms of all citizens, fostering economic freedom, and promoting the general welfare of the American people;

WHEREAS, socialism and communism directly attack and conflict with the ennobling principles of the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence;

WHEREAS, the free market system, grounded in principles of supply and demand,



28 private property rights, and voluntary exchange, is a cornerstone of the American economy;

29 WHEREAS, the free market system is upheld by the individual freedoms of this great
30 nation;

31 WHEREAS, we confront the enduring and recurring threat of communism to our
32 freedoms and rights;

33 WHEREAS, socialism and communism, when implemented in Venezuela, Cuba, North
34 Korea, Zimbabwe, and many other once-prosperous countries, have led to catastrophic
35 consequences, stifling individual freedoms, suppressing economic initiative, and resulting in
36 widespread poverty, human suffering, and the killing of over 100,000,000 people worldwide;

37 WHEREAS, socialism **→**, as a form of government, **←** is characterized by the
37a collective ownership and control of the
38 means of production and distribution, excessive government intervention, central planning, and
39 suppression of personal liberties;

40 WHEREAS, communism **→** [~~advocates for~~] establishes **←** a society where the state
40a controls all aspects of
41 economic and social life, imposes totalitarian regimes resulting in a lack of incentives, and
42 erodes individual rights;

43 WHEREAS, history has unequivocally shown that individual freedoms, rights, **→**
43a accountability, **←** and
44 democracy cannot coexist with a socialist or communist government; and

45 WHEREAS, it is imperative to recognize the importance of preserving the principles of
46 the free market, limited government, and individual liberty, which have been instrumental in
47 shaping the prosperity and success of our great nation:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
49 exalts and celebrates the enduring principles of the United States Constitution, reaffirms our
50 commitment to the free market system, and condemns the destructive and oppressive nature of
51 socialism and communism.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature stands united in our dedication to
53 preserving the liberties and opportunities that have made the United States of America a
54 beacon of hope and prosperity for people around the world, and urges all citizens to remain
55 vigilant in the defense of these cherished principles.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of
57 the state of Utah, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and
58 the members of the Utah Congressional Delegation as an expression of the strong and

59 unwavering commitment of the state of Utah to the principles of freedom, democracy, and the
60 free market.