

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON GLOBAL WARMING AND**
 2 **CLIMATE CHANGE**
 3 2018 GENERAL SESSION
 4 STATE OF UTAH

6 **LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This resolution relates to global warming and climate change.

9 **Highlighted Provisions:**

10 This resolution:

- 11 ▶ acknowledges that average global temperature and average Utah temperature have
- 12 increased substantially over recent decades, and that scientific consensus is that a
- 13 substantial cause for these increases is human-caused emissions; and
- 14 ▶ commits that the Legislature and Governor will base decisions regarding state
- 15 energy policies on the best scientific evidence available and urges individuals and
- 16 corporations to conserve energy.

17 **Special Clauses:**

18 None

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

21 WHEREAS, average global temperatures and average Utah temperatures have
 22 increased substantially over recent decades;

23 WHEREAS, scientific consensus is that a substantial cause for these temperature
 24 increases are human-caused emissions, predominantly carbon dioxide and methane created by
 25 the burning of fossil fuels;

26 WHEREAS, continued increase in average global temperature is likely to have some
 27 predictable, serious, and negative consequences like the loss of polar ice caps and glaciers,
 28 increased sea levels, and injury to plant and animal species that are not able to respond to the
 29 warmer climates;

30 WHEREAS, a continued increase in average Utah temperatures may also have serious
 31 negative consequences including threats to the skiing industry, reduction in snow pack at lower

32 altitudes, and increased intensity of wildfires; and

33 WHEREAS, Utah also struggles with the negative health effects caused by air pollution
34 during winter inversion seasons, which are in large part caused by the burning of fossil fuels:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
36 governor concurring herein, commits to base decisions regarding state energy policies on the
37 best scientific evidence available regarding local and global consequences for energy use.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor commit to
39 seeking energy policies that will protect the health of our state and planet, enlarge the economy
40 of our state, and keep energy affordable for our citizens.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor encourage
42 individuals and corporations to conserve energy.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor commit to working
44 together, and to work with the state's federal delegation, to seek policies that further these
45 goals.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the state's
47 federal delegation.