

1                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE**  
2                   **100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS**

3                                   2016 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

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32 **LONG TITLE**

33 **General Description:**

34 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the 100th  
35 anniversary of the National Park System.

36 **Highlighted Provisions:**

37 This resolution:

- 38 ▶ recognizes the 100th anniversary of the creation of the modern National Park
- 39 System.

40 **Special Clauses:**

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

44 WHEREAS, the majestic landscapes of National Parks are touchstones of our shared  
45 history and culture;

46 WHEREAS, appreciation of National Parks spans geographic region, ethnic  
47 background, age, economic circumstance, and political persuasion;

48 WHEREAS, National Parks serve as anchors to greater urban park systems and  
49 contribute to the physical and aesthetic quality of urban neighborhoods;

50 WHEREAS, the National Parks in Utah are valuable contributors to job opportunities,  
51 youth development, public health, and community building;

52 WHEREAS, National Parks are economic engines critical to supporting residential,  
53 commercial, and community development activities in cities and towns across America;

54 WHEREAS, Utah's National Parks provide affordable, safe, and inspiring places for  
55 people to play, exercise, and relax;

56 WHEREAS, every dollar invested in National Park operations generates \$10 for local

57 economies;

58 WHEREAS, every two park service jobs yield one job outside the park;

59 WHEREAS, National Parks in Utah draw international tourists to our cities;

60 WHEREAS, eight of the top 25 tourist destinations in America are National Park units;

61 WHEREAS, Utah's National Parks exemplify the American spirit, rugged yet naturally  
62 beautiful;

63 WHEREAS, National Parks inspire the future but remind us of the past and those that  
64 have sacrificed so much to share the beauty with our generation;

65 WHEREAS, National Parks remind us that we have a sacred trust to pass their beauty  
66 on to the generations to come;

67 WHEREAS, Utah is proud to host five National Parks;

68 WHEREAS, Utah's five National Parks provide a way to encourage families, visitors,  
69 and Utahns to explore the beautiful vistas and venues and flora and fauna that make Utah a  
70 uniquely beautiful state;

71 WHEREAS, Utah's five National Parks serve as backdrops for Hollywood movies,  
72 scout hikes, and family picnics;

73 WHEREAS, the National Park Service recently reported that the national monuments,  
74 the national historic site, and the "Mighty 5" National Parks located in Utah combine to  
75 contribute \$1 billion annually to the Utah economy;

76 WHEREAS, the nation is marking the 100th anniversary of the creation of the modern  
77 National Park system in 2016; and

78 WHEREAS, since 1916, the National Park system has grown to include not only the  
79 most splendid examples of America's unsurpassed natural and scenic heritage, but also the  
80 special places, artifacts, and stories of our nation's birth, our struggles and triumphs as a  
81 people, and the shared values that unite us:

82 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
83 Governor concurring therein, recognizes the 100th anniversary of the creation of the modern  
84 National Park system.

85           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge Congress  
86 and the National Park Service to begin to make progress on the billion-dollar backlog of  
87 delayed maintenance projects for the National Parks, including a \$278 million backlog in  
88 maintenance work for Utah's National Parks.

89           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of  
90 the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
91 States House of Representatives, the National Park Service, the Governor's Office of Economic  
92 Development, the Utah Department of Natural Resources, and the members of Utah's  
93 congressional delegation.