

Representative Joel K. Briscoe proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS**
2 **OF THE 2020 ELECTION**

3 2021 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Joel K. Briscoe**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution recognizes the success of the 2020 election.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

- 13 ▶ recognizes Utah's increase in voter turnout in the 2020 election;
- 14 ▶ recognizes the security of the vote-by-mail process;
- 15 ▶ recognizes the invaluable function that election workers provide to Utah; and
- 16 ▶ recognizes that there were no accounts or charges of significant election fraud in

17 Utah for the 2020 election.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19 None

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

22 WHEREAS, Utah had over 1.6 million registered voters during the 2020 election;

23 WHEREAS, Utah had the highest voter turnout in over 60 years with 90% of active
24 registered voters casting a ballot in the 2020 election;

25 WHEREAS, Utah had the second highest increase in voter turnout in the nation from



26 2016-2020;

27 WHEREAS, over 92% of Utah voters cast a by-mail ballot;

28 WHEREAS, vote-by-mail in Utah has been used in local elections since 2012 and has
29 resulted in increased voter participation in these elections;

30 WHEREAS, vote-by-mail provides a paper trail of optical scan ballots that can be
31 recounted by machine or by hand to prove that every vote was counted accurately;

32 WHEREAS, every signature of every voter is checked on vote-by-mail ballots by
33 election officials to safeguard the system against fraud;

34 WHEREAS, centralized supervision of ballot processing in county clerks' offices
35 maintains uniformity and strict compliance with laws throughout the state;

36 WHEREAS, elections are the foundation of our democracy and election officials work
37 tirelessly to protect this critical infrastructure while maintaining public confidence in the
38 outcome of our electoral processes;

39 WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created complexities in the administration of
40 elections requiring election officials to conduct accurate and timely elections while protecting
41 the safety of election workers and the voting public;

42 WHEREAS, many entities have worked to increase voter registration and participation
43 during the past pandemic year;

44 WHEREAS, election officials and workers have met the challenges presented by a
45 global pandemic during a presidential election;

46 WHEREAS, the lieutenant governor's office coordinates with state and federal security
47 partners to make sure Utah elections are safe and secure;

48 WHEREAS, there were no accounts or charges of significant election fraud in Utah;
49 and

50 WHEREAS, the experience in Utah proves vote-by-mail is a successful, secure, and
51 voter-friendly model for election administration:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
53 Governor concurring therein, recognizes the success of the 2020 election;

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor
55 concurring therein, extends its appreciation and admiration for the election officials and
56 workers of this state and the vital services that they perform in conducting this state's elections;

57 and

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah
59 Municipal Clerks Association, the Utah County Clerk and Auditor Association, the Utah
60 League of Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, and the lieutenant governor's
61 office.