

1                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING PATRIOTS**  
2   **DAY**

3   2024 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Chief Sponsor: Walt Brooks**

6   Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10                   This resolution addresses the recognition of the start of the American Revolution.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12                   This resolution:

- 13                   ▶ recognizes the events that occurred at the start of the American Revolution; and
- 14                   ▶ designates April 19 as Patriots Day.

15 **Special Clauses:**

16                   None

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

19                   WHEREAS, the state of Utah wishes to recognize the start of the American Revolution  
20 and honor this date as Patriots Day;

21                   WHEREAS, on the evening of April 18, 1775, Dr. Joseph Warren called to his house in  
22 Boston both William Dawes and Paul Revere and instructed them that British soldiers would  
23 be leaving Boston by sea to apprehend patriot leaders Sam Adams and John Hancock in  
24 Lexington and to confiscate stored arms in Concord;

25                   WHEREAS, the local militia volunteers, distinguished by the term "Minutemen,"  
26 having been notified through the night of the approaching British soldiers, stood their ground  
27 on the Lexington Green as the King's soldiers approached;



28           WHEREAS, in the early dawn of April 19, 1775, on the Lexington Green, a shot was  
29 fired that signaled the start of the American Revolution and came to be known as "The Shot  
30 Heard Around the World";

31           WHEREAS, eight militia volunteers were shot and killed on the Lexington Green on  
32 the morning of April 19, 1775, representing the eight years of war that would ensue between  
33 the Americans and the British Empire;

34           WHEREAS, the British leaders continued their march to Concord, but at the Old North  
35 Bridge the farmers and other patriots that had been summoned through the night turned back  
36 the greatest military on the earth at that time;

37           WHEREAS, the British troops retreated back to Boston under a constant stream of fire  
38 from the American volunteers; and

39           WHEREAS, since that beginning on April 19, 1775, at the Lexington Green and the  
40 Concord North Bridge, millions of Americans have fought for our freedom and should be  
41 recognized as "patriots":

42           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
43 Governor concurring therein, do hereby proclaim that April 19th shall be honored and  
44 recognized as Patriots Day in the state of Utah.