

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING FIREFIGHTERS
AND FIRE PREVENTION EFFORTS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

House Sponsor: James A. Dunnigan

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses gratitude to those working to prevent and reduce unwanted fire.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ outlines the duties and contributions of the State Fire Marshal and local fire departments;
- ▶ highlights the ways in which fire prevention, fire suppression, and fire investigation protect the physical and economic health of the state and its citizens; and
- ▶ acknowledges the work of, and expresses gratitude for, the sacrifice of the men and women working in fire prevention, fire suppression, and fire investigation.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the State Fire Marshal is tasked by the Legislature of the state of Utah with enforcing the state fire code;

WHEREAS, the State Fire Marshal is tasked by the Legislature of the state of Utah with promoting and supporting injury prevention public education programs;

WHEREAS, the State Fire Marshal shares this responsibility with local fire departments, fire districts, the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and agencies within

the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Department of Agriculture;

WHEREAS, fire prevention has proven its value in reducing injury, death, and property loss due to unwanted fire;

WHEREAS, fire prevention helps ensure the economic health of large and small businesses, and of the state of Utah as a whole;

WHEREAS, fire suppression is critical in addressing unforeseen fire hazards and works to reduce losses due to fire through fire suppression;

WHEREAS, firefighters selflessly risk their lives daily ensuring the safety of the public by participating in fire prevention and responding to emergencies caused by unforeseen hazards; and

WHEREAS, the role of fire investigation in determining the origin and cause of fire is an essential part of improving fire prevention and fire suppression:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, acknowledges the work and sacrifice of the men and women working in fire prevention, fire suppression, and fire investigation, who have dedicated their professional lives to the prevention and reduction of loss due to fire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express their gratitude to those working to prevent and reduce the catastrophe caused by unwanted fire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Fire Marshal, the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and U.S. Department of Agriculture.