

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION HONORING OREM ON ITS**
2 **100TH ANNIVERSARY**
3 2019 GENERAL SESSION
4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Daniel Hemmert**

6 House Sponsor: _____

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution honors Orem City on its 100th anniversary.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

- 13 ▶ recognizes Orem City's history and contributions to the state of Utah; and
- 14 ▶ honors Orem's 100th anniversary on May 5, 2019.

15 **Special Clauses:**

16 None

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

19 WHEREAS, Orem City was incorporated on May 5, 1919, and named after Walter C.
20 Orem, President of the Salt Lake and Utah Railroad;

21 WHEREAS, Orem's origins are in homesteads settled along the territorial highway and
22 along other substantial streets where area farmers built their homes;

23 WHEREAS, Orem was incorporated because residents recognized the need to develop
24 a water system for the area, and one of its first acts as a new city was to issue \$110,000 in
25 bonds to construct a water system;

26 WHEREAS, the availability of water launched Orem to become the fruit capital of the
27 nation as millions of pounds of peaches, apples, cherries, pears, and more were shipped across



28 the country every year, giving Orem one of its early nicknames as the "Garden City";

29 WHEREAS, the first major evolution of Orem began in the early 1940s when the
30 federal government constructed Geneva Steel Works as an inland producer of steel, employing
31 many of Orem's residents;

32 WHEREAS, the second major change came as many of Orem's farms were converted to
33 shopping centers and malls along State Street and University Parkway;

34 WHEREAS, the third major evolution has been the result of the city's development as a
35 center of computer technology and development, spearheaded by WordPerfect Corporation;

36 WHEREAS, many of the companies that have made Utah a technology epicenter got
37 their start in Orem;

38 WHEREAS, Orem is the fifth-largest city in Utah and home to Utah Valley University,
39 Utah's largest public university;

40 WHEREAS, Orem's most famous nickname, "Family City, U.S.A.," is due to its parks,
41 plentiful indoor and outdoor recreational offerings, a world-class library, good schools, low
42 crime, and a service-oriented culture; and

43 WHEREAS, Orem has been given numerous national awards, including:

- 44 • the #1 City in America to Raise a Family;
- 45 • the #1 City in America for Working Parents;
- 46 • 2018 Best Places to Live in America; and
- 47 • 2017 30 Safest Cities to Raise a Child;

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
49 Governor concurring therein, recognizes Orem City for its significant achievements and
50 contributions to the state of Utah and honors Orem's 100th anniversary.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature sends a copy of this resolution to
52 the Orem City Mayor and Council.