

**DELISTING OF WOLVES CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Allen M. Christensen**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the United States Congress to exempt wolves from the Endangered Species Act in every state.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

► urges the United States Congress to take action to maintain the integrity of the Endangered Species Act by exempting wolves from the Act in every state and allowing each state to protect its rural economies, game herds, livestock, and pets.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, with a population of 60,000 in North America, wolves are no longer an endangered species;

WHEREAS, the agreed-upon recovery goals of 15 packs and 150 wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains has been exceeded since 2002;

WHEREAS, wolf populations currently exceed by more than 400% recovery goals agreed upon by all parties, yet extremist groups and courts block management as all parties had previously agreed upon;

WHEREAS, excessive wolf populations are causing tremendous negative impacts to



28 game populations, livestock, and pets at the cost of tens of millions of dollars each year to state  
29 economies, and the problem is growing exponentially;

30 WHEREAS, excessive wolf populations are costing rural economies many jobs;

31 WHEREAS, wolves are beginning to threaten and challenge people;

32 WHEREAS, the experiences of Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, and Minnesota prove that  
33 the administrative and legal process is broken and does not serve the people, private property,  
34 wildlife, or rural economies;

35 WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has repeatedly failed to listen  
36 to Utah's entire elected body of Governors, Senators, and bipartisan Congressman to include  
37 the entire state of Utah in the Northern Rockies population;

38 WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service only included a small portion  
39 of northern Utah in the potential delisting zone, leaving nearly the entire state of Utah as an  
40 Endangered Species classification with no hope or promise of a solution to the wolf problem  
41 for decades into the future;

42 WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to spend  
43 \$25,000,000 to monitor and watch wolf populations grow while they eliminate jobs and destroy  
44 game populations, livestock, and pets;

45 WHEREAS, the court system has failed to allow the United States Fish and Wildlife  
46 Service to delist wolves in spite of scientific data, costing over \$40,000,000 to gather,  
47 justifying delisting, with national experts inside and outside the government providing sworn  
48 testimony that wolves should be removed from the Endangered Species list;

49 WHEREAS, 32 state wildlife agencies have requested wolves to be removed from the  
50 Endangered Species Act through congressional action;

51 WHEREAS, state game and fish agencies are much better prepared and capable of  
52 managing wolves than the federal government;

53 WHEREAS, western states face many habitat conservation challenges, and the focus of  
54 investment of limited wildlife funds should be to protect habitats and abundant herds that  
55 provide hundreds of millions of dollars each year to rural economies and food for tens of  
56 thousands of families; and

57 WHEREAS, the state of Utah, in consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife  
58 Service, and based on extensive professional wildlife management input and a two-year public

59 process, has adopted a wolf management plan:

60           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
61 Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Congress to take action to maintain the  
62 integrity of the Endangered Species Act by exempting wolves from the Act in every state and  
63 allowing each state to protect its rural economies, game herds, livestock, and pets.

64           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority  
65 Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
66 the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Utah Department of Natural Resources, and to  
67 the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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