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JOINT RESOLUTION CONDEMNING COMMUNISM AND SOCIALISM

2024 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

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	LONG TITLE
	General Description:
,	This resolution condemns communism and socialism.
	Highlighted Provisions:
	This resolution:
	 exalts the principles of the United States Constitution;
	reaffirms the principles of the free market; and
	 condemns the destructive nature of socialism and communism in society.
	Other Special Clauses:
	None
	Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
	WHEREAS, the state of Utah has a history of upholding the principles of liberty, freedom, and
,	individual rights enshrined in the United States Constitution;
	WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States serves as a beacon of democracy,
	ensuring the individual rights and freedoms of all citizens, fostering economic freedom, and
	promoting the general welfare of the American people;
	WHEREAS, socialism and communism directly attack and conflict with the ennobling
	principles of the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence;
	WHEREAS, the free market system, grounded in principles of supply and demand, private
	property rights, and voluntary exchange, is a cornerstone of the American economy;
	WHEREAS, the free market system is upheld by the individual freedoms of this great
	nation;
	WHEREAS, we confront the enduring and recurring threat of communism to our freedoms
	and rights;

WHEREAS, socialism and communism, when implemented in Venezuela, Cuba, North

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29 Korea, Zimbabwe, and many other once-prosperous countries, have led to catastrophic 30 consequences, stifling individual freedoms, suppressing economic initiative, and resulting in 31 widespread poverty, human suffering, and the killing of over 100,000,000 people worldwide; 32 WHEREAS, socialism, as a form of government, is characterized by the collective 33 ownership and control of the means of production and distribution, excessive government 34 intervention, central planning, and suppression of personal liberties; 35 WHEREAS, communism establishes a society where the state controls all aspects of 36 economic and social life, imposes totalitarian regimes resulting in a lack of incentives, and 37 erodes individual rights; 38 WHEREAS, history has unequivocally shown that individual freedoms, rights, 39 accountability, and democracy cannot coexist with a socialist or communist government; and 40 WHEREAS, it is imperative to recognize the importance of preserving the principles of the 41 free market, limited government, and individual liberty, which have been instrumental in 42 shaping the prosperity and success of our great nation: 43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah exalts 44 and celebrates the enduring principles of the United States Constitution, reaffirms our 45 commitment to the free market system, and condemns the destructive and oppressive nature of 46 socialism and communism. 47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature stands united in our dedication to 48 preserving the liberties and opportunities that have made the United States of America a 49 beacon of hope and prosperity for people around the world, and urges all citizens to remain 50 vigilant in the defense of these cherished principles. 51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the 52 state of Utah, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the 53 members of the Utah Congressional Delegation as an expression of the strong and unwavering 54 commitment of the state of Utah to the principles of freedom, democracy, and the free market.