

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND**
2 **DEVELOPMENTAL POLICIES**

3 2013 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler**

6 House Sponsor: Marc K. Roberts

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution of the Legislature rejects United Nations Agenda 21 and urges
11 state and local governments across the United States to reject it.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ rejects United Nations Agenda 21, both its intent and its potential for abuse;
- 15 ▶ urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or implement
16 policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private
17 property rights without due process;
- 18 ▶ urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or develop
19 environmental and developmental policies that, without due process, would infringe
20 or restrict the private property rights of property owners;
- 21 ▶ urges state and local governments across the United States to be well informed
22 regarding the underlying harmful implications of implementing United Nations
23 Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development";
- 24 ▶ urges state and local governments across the United States to not enter into any
25 agreement, expend any sum of money, contract services, or give financial aid to
26 those nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations affiliated with Agenda
27 21;
- 28 ▶ urges state and local governments across the United States to reject United Nations
29 Agenda 21 and any grant money or financial aid attached to it; and

30 ▶ urges support for locally directed regional planning efforts that protect local
31 sovereignty and private property rights.

32 **Special Clauses:**

33 None



35 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

36 WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 was initiated at the United Nations
37 Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992;

38 WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 is being introduced into local communities
39 across the United States through the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives,
40 through local "sustainable development" policies including Smart Growth America, the
41 Wildlands Project, and Center for Resilient Cities;

42 WHEREAS, the United Nations has accredited and enlisted numerous
43 nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations to assist in the implementation of its
44 policies relative to Agenda 21 around the world;

45 WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 plan of sustainable development views
46 private property ownership, single family homes, private car ownership, individual travel
47 choices, and privately owned farms as destructive to the environment;

48 WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Agenda 21 policy, social justice is
49 described as the right and opportunity of all people to benefit equally from the resources
50 afforded citizens by society and the environment, which would be accomplished by
51 redistribution of wealth;

52 WHEREAS, according to United Nations Agenda 21 policy, national sovereignty is
53 deemed a social injustice;

54 WHEREAS, Utah has a tradition of locally driven community planning efforts dating
55 back to the first settlers who laid out a community plat that formed the basis for most of the
56 cities in Utah;

57 WHEREAS, Utah regional planning efforts have focused on citizen participation, local

58 decision making, transparent processes, sound technical data, response to market demand, and
59 respect for due process and private property;

60 WHEREAS, Utah's Associations of Governments and Councils of Governments are
61 created and controlled by Utah counties, cities, and towns, predate the adoption of Agenda 21
62 by more than 20 years, and provide a forum for these local governments to cooperate on issues
63 of regional significance; and

64 WHEREAS, cooperative decision making that is locally driven and controlled provides
65 great benefits in terms of cost and service delivery and continues to serve the state of Utah
66 well:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
68 rejects United Nations Agenda 21, both its intent and its potential for abuse.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and
70 political subdivisions to not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or
71 inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required
72 by policy recommendations originating in or traceable to Agenda 21, adopted by the United
73 Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development, or any other international
74 law or ancillary plan of action that contravenes the Constitution of the United States or the
75 Constitution of the state of Utah.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and
77 political subdivisions to not adopt or develop environmental and developmental policies that,
78 without due process, would infringe or restrict the private property rights of property owners.

79 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments
80 across the United States to be well informed regarding the underlying harmful implications of
81 implementing United Nations Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development."

82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments
83 across the United States to not enter into any agreement, expend any sum of money, contract
84 services, or give financial aid to those nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations
85 affiliated with United Nations Agenda 21.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments
87 across the United States to reject United Nations Agenda 21 and any grant money or financial
88 aid attached to it.

89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah supports the
90 locally directed regional planning efforts that are occurring in Utah and encourages other states
91 to look to the Utah model of collaboration that protects local sovereignty and private property
92 rights.

93 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Council of
94 State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of
95 Counties, the United Nations General Assembly, the Wildlands Project, Smart Growth
96 America, Center for Resilient Cities, the International Council of Local Environmental
97 Initiatives, the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the
98 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
99 Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.