



**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-01
Adopted August 3, 2023**

**A Resolution Establishing the Official Position of
the Utah State Board of Education Regarding
HB 179, Founders and Constitution Recognition**

The Utah State Board of Education supports the Utah Legislature's passage in 2023 of HB 179 FOUNDERS AND CONSTITUTION RECOGNITION (63G-1-401), which recognizes September as American Founders and Constitution Month and Constitution Day on September 17.

WHEREAS the Board desires Utah students to be taught respect and understanding for the Constitution, which enables Americans to govern themselves and resolve differences through peaceful political processes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Utah State Board of Education invites all Utahns, especially families, to read, ponder, support, and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; and encourages all public schools in the State of Utah to recognize and observe September as American Founders and Constitution Month and Constitution Day on September 17, through appropriate education, programs, meetings, services, or celebrations, including writing, speech and art, and encourages coordination with state, county, and local government officials, consistent with 63G-1-401; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Utah State Board of Education invites all Utah students to read directly from the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and other founding documents, and recognizes the role of schools and teachers in perpetuating excellent civic education and emphasizing rights and responsibilities of good citizenship; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board invites Utah students to preserve the Constitution, through informed engagement in the civic processes established by the Constitution and through respectful dialogue.

ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF August 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Moss".

James Moss
USBE Board Chair