

1 **SENATE RESOLUTION DECLARING SUPPORT FOR THE**
2 **RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS AND EXPLORING**
3 **SANCTUARY STATE STATUS**

4 2021 FIRST SENATE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers**

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This resolution declares support for the right to keep and bear arms as a fundamental
11 right and encourages greater protections for its exercise.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ affirms the right to keep and bear arms as a fundamental right protected by the Bill
- 15 of Rights and the Utah State Constitution;
- 16 ▶ declares support for exploring the possibility of declaring Utah a Second
- 17 Amendment Sanctuary State; and
- 18 ▶ encourages continued discussion of how to strengthen protections for the exercise of
- 19 the right to keep and bear arms in the state, including the establishment of Utah as a
- 20 "Second Amendment Sanctuary State."

21 **Special Clauses:**

22 None

24 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:*

25 WHEREAS, potential action of the federal government could infringe upon the rights
26 of law abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, as guaranteed by the Utah Constitution and the
27 United States Constitution;

28 WHEREAS, the Utah Senate takes seriously its role to protect and defend the rights
29 enshrined in the Utah Constitution and the United States Constitution, including the right to

30 keep and bear arms:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate supports robust statutory
32 protections from federal or other actions to ensure citizens of the state maintain their
33 constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate supports continued discussion of and
35 legislative action on how to strengthen state law to provide better protection for those
36 exercising constitutional rights, including the establishment of Utah as a "Second Amendment
37 Sanctuary State."