

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING AN INTERLOCAL**
2 **AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN RIVER COMMISSION**

3 2015 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Rich Cunningham**

6 Senate Sponsor: Jani Iwamoto

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution expresses support for the interlocal cooperation agreement
11 between state agencies and other governmental entities that have interests in the Jordan
12 River watershed.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This concurrent resolution:

15 ▶ supports the involvement of the Utah Transit Authority, the Utah Department of
16 Natural Resources, and the Utah Department of Environmental Quality in the
17 Jordan River Commission; and

18 ▶ encourages the development of comprehensive management plans for the Jordan
19 River and its stream banks that address:

- 20 • conservation and protection of the river's natural resources;
- 21 • maintenance and development of recreation access; and
- 22 • responsible economic development activities around the river.

23 **Special Clauses:**

24 None

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

27 WHEREAS, an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) establishing the Jordan
28 River Commission was created in 2010;

29 WHEREAS, the Agreement is between state agencies and political subdivisions,

30 including the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Quality, the
31 Utah Transit Authority, the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District, Utah County, Davis
32 County, Salt Lake County, municipalities located within the Jordan River watershed, and other
33 interested governmental and non-governmental parties;

34 WHEREAS, the Agreement is entered into by the parties in order to:

- 35 • develop and implement comprehensive management plans for the Jordan
36 River and its stream banks;
- 37 • encourage and promote multiple uses of the Jordan River;
- 38 • conserve and protect the Jordan River's natural resources;
- 39 • maintain and develop recreation access to the Jordan River; and
- 40 • monitor and promote responsible economic development activities
41 around the Jordan River;

42 WHEREAS, the parties to the Agreement are enthusiastic about cooperating and
43 coordinating on decisions about the Jordan River's future;

44 WHEREAS, the governing board of the Jordan River Commission currently consists of:

- 45 • an appointed elected official from each participating county;
- 46 • an appointed elected official from each participating municipality;
- 47 • an appointed representative from each participating department,
48 division, or agency of the state of Utah;
- 49 • an individual appointed by the Governor of the state of Utah;
- 50 • an appointed member of the Utah Legislature whose district includes
51 residents along the Jordan River;
- 52 • an appointed representative from each ex officio member; and
- 53 • an appointed member from each limited purpose local government
54 entity;

55 WHEREAS, the state should be a party to any ongoing dialogue and involvement in the
56 Jordan River's future and development, and should be at the forefront of input and planning;

57 WHEREAS, the Utah Transit Authority and state agencies, including the Department of

58 Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality, have a desire and obligation
59 to help the Jordan River Commission succeed;

60 WHEREAS, these entities have committed to supporting the Jordan River Commission
61 through financial or in-kind contributions, including office space, computers, telephone and
62 Internet, GIS mapping, copying and printing, and use of equipment; and

63 WHEREAS, the Agreement also provides that the Utah Transit Authority and state
64 agencies, including the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental
65 Quality, may withdraw from the Jordan River Commission after proper notice of intent to
66 withdraw:

67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
68 Governor concurring therein, gives approval to the Utah Transit Authority and state agencies,
69 including the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Environmental Quality,
70 to enter into the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Jordan River Commission.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Jordan River
72 Commission, the Utah Department of Natural Resources, the Utah Department of
73 Environmental Quality, the Utah Transit Authority, and the Governor of the state of Utah.