

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING THE BRIDAL**
 2 **VEIL FALLS AREA**
 3 2021 GENERAL SESSION
 4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution encourages the Division of Parks and Recreation to evaluate
 11 options for designating the Bridal Veil Falls area as a state monument or state park.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ recognizes the beauty of the Bridal Veil Falls area and its use by thousands of
- 15 visitors for sightseeing and recreation;
- 16 ▶ acknowledges the efforts taken by Utah County to preserve and protect the Bridal
- 17 Veil Falls area;
- 18 ▶ acknowledges the Division of Parks and Recreation's expertise in managing Utah's
- 19 state parks and recreation opportunities;
- 20 ▶ discusses the Division of Parks and Recreation's plans for evaluating the options for
- 21 improving and maintaining the Bridal Veil Falls area; and
- 22 ▶ calls upon the Division of Parks and Recreation to present an analysis of the
- 23 advantages and challenges of designating the Bridal Veil Falls area as a state
- 24 monument, and alternatively as a state park, to the Natural Resources, Agriculture,
- 25 and Environment Interim Committee.

26 **Special Clauses:**

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

WHEREAS, the Bridal Veil Falls area is one of Utah's most spectacular and beautiful natural waterfalls, conveniently located in Provo Canyon and easily accessible from both the Wasatch Front and the Heber Valley;

WHEREAS, each year thousands of visitors enjoy sightseeing and recreating at the Bridal Veil Falls area;

WHEREAS, Utah County has taken steps to preserve the public's ability to use and enjoy the Bridal Veil Falls area, including acquiring property around the falls;

WHEREAS, Utah County has set aside nearly \$2 million to improve trails and safety at the Bridal Veil Falls area, and legislative efforts are being taken to secure additional funding to match the money set aside by Utah County;

WHEREAS, the Division of Parks and Recreation hosts millions of visitors each year at Utah's state parks and is the state's expert on recreation;

WHEREAS, the Division of Parks and Recreation is skilled at managing recreation services, hosting visitors, planning recreational opportunities, funding recreation, and developing recreation experiences, facilities, and programs throughout Utah;

WHEREAS, the Division of Parks and Recreation plans to conduct a feasibility study in coordination with Utah County to determine the costs associated with improving the visitor experience and resolving safety concerns at the Bridal Veil Falls area; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Parks and Recreation also plans to prepare an operations plan for the Bridal Veil Falls area that will include details regarding staffing needs, funding required for fixed and variable costs, and ongoing maintenance funding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, intends to create either a state monument or a state park at the Bridal Veil Falls area with Utah County's approval and the support of Provo City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, recognizes and appreciates the efforts by Utah County and the Division of Parks and Recreation to preserve and improve the Bridal Veil Falls area as a premier recreation and sightseeing destination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express their

59 appreciation for the Division of Parks and Recreation for being the state's leader in outdoor
60 recreation.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor applaud the
62 Division of Parks and Recreation's plan to conduct a feasibility study and to prepare an
63 operational plan for the Bridal Veil Falls area.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call on the
65 Division of Parks and Recreation to use the information from the division's planned feasibility
66 study and operations plan to prepare proposals evaluating the advantages and challenges of
67 designating the Bridal Veil Falls area as a state monument, and alternatively as a state park.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call on Utah
69 County, Provo City, and other stakeholders to cooperate with the Division of Parks and
70 Recreation in the division's evaluation of the options for designating the Bridal Veil Falls area
71 as a state monument, and alternatively as a state park.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor suggest that the
73 Division of Parks and Recreation submit proposals regarding the designation of the Bridal Veil
74 Falls area as a state monument, and alternatively as a state park, to the Natural Resources,
75 Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee during the fall of 2021.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor look forward to
77 working with the Division of Parks and Recreation, Utah County, and Provo City to determine
78 the best option for improving recreation opportunities at the Bridal Veil Falls area and for
79 showcasing the unique beauty of the Bridal Veil Falls area to sightseers throughout Utah and
80 the world.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Utah
82 County Commission, Provo City Council, Provo City Mayor, the Division of Parks and
83 Recreation, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.