

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

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13 **LONG TITLE**

14 **General Description:**

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

17 **Highlighted Provisions:**

- 18 This resolution:
- 19 ▶ recognizes the beauty of the Bridal Veil Falls area and its use by thousands of
 - 20 visitors for sightseeing and recreation;
 - 21 ▶ acknowledges the efforts taken by Utah County to preserve and protect the Bridal
 - 22 Veil Falls area;
 - 23 ▶ acknowledges the Division of Parks and Recreation's expertise in managing Utah's
 - 24 state parks and recreation opportunities;
 - 25 ▶ discusses the Division of Parks and Recreation's plans for evaluating the options for
 - 26 improving and maintaining the Bridal Veil Falls area; and
 - 27 ▶ calls upon the Division of Parks and Recreation to present an analysis of the

28 advantages and challenges of designating the Bridal Veil Falls area as a state monument, and
29 alternatively as a state park, to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim
30 Committee.

31 **Special Clauses:**

32 None



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express their
64 appreciation for the Division of Parks and Recreation for being the state's leader in outdoor
65 recreation.

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

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

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

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

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor look forward to
82 working with the Division of Parks and Recreation, Utah County, and Provo City to determine
83 the best option for improving recreation opportunities at the Bridal Veil Falls area and for

84 showcasing the unique beauty of the Bridal Veil Falls area to sightseers throughout Utah and
85 the world.

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