

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WEBER STATE**
2 **UNIVERSITY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY**

3 2014 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Brad L. Dee**

6 Senate Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution of the Legislature recognizes the 125th anniversary of Weber State
11 University.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:
14 ▶ recognizes the 125th anniversary of Weber State University.

15 **Special Clauses:**

16 None

18 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

19 WHEREAS, Weber State University first opened its doors in downtown Ogden as
20 Weber Stake Academy on January 7, 1889, and became a college during the first two decades
21 of the 20th century;

22 WHEREAS, Weber Stake Academy was founded by the Church of Jesus Christ of
23 Latter-day Saints;

24 WHEREAS, in the 1920s, the school changed its name to Weber College;

25 WHEREAS, the students became Wildcats and Waldo the mascot was born after a
26 sportswriter described Weber athletes as a "scrappy bunch of wildcats";

27 WHEREAS, in 1933, Weber College was established as a junior state college and its
28 ownership was transferred to the state of Utah;

29 WHEREAS, after World War II, the college moved its campus to Harrison Boulevard

30 and, thanks to an outpouring of public support, its enrollment and physical campus grew
31 significantly;

32 WHEREAS, this growth helped the college to become Weber State College, a four-year
33 institution, in 1962;

34 WHEREAS, in 1991, Weber State College became recognized as a university and was
35 renamed Weber State University;

36 WHEREAS, Weber State University experienced significant growth during the 1990s
37 and, recognizing the need to serve the growing number of students from Davis County, opened
38 Weber State University Davis in 2003;

39 WHEREAS, in 2007, Weber State University established the Center for Community
40 Engaged Learning;

41 WHEREAS, the Center for Community Engaged Learning has enjoyed a partnership
42 between the community and students who have contributed more than 765,000 combined hours
43 of community service;

44 WHEREAS, for this service, Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement
45 recognized Weber State University in 2008;

46 WHEREAS, Weber State University has made education more accessible by continuing
47 to open doors to learning through its affordable tuition, scholarship programs, online classes,
48 and flexible schedules;

49 WHEREAS, it is these aspects of Weber State University that have provided increased
50 opportunities to many in the state of Utah who otherwise would not have access to a college
51 education;

52 WHEREAS, Weber State University now serves more than 25,000 students, primarily
53 from Weber and Davis counties, and offers more than 225 degree programs consisting of
54 associate's degrees, bachelor's degrees, and master's degrees;

55 WHEREAS, Weber State University consistently receives national recognition for
56 providing quality programs in business, nursing, teaching, and many other fields;

57 WHEREAS, Weber State University has been a consistent contributor to the

58 community for the past 125 years;

59 WHEREAS, through its academic programs and technology outreach center, Weber
60 State University has become a critical economic driver in northern Utah and a partner in
61 economic development and business growth; and

62 WHEREAS, Weber State University alumni number over 100,000 across the globe,
63 including national and international leaders in business, education, government, military,
64 religion, sports, and entertainment:

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
66 recognizes the 125th anniversary of Weber State University.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of
68 Weber State University.