

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

4 2021 FIRST HOUSE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Karianne Lisonbee**

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This resolution declares support for the right to bear arms as a fundamental right and
11 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 House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

25 WHEREAS, the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution guarantees that
26 "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people
27 to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed";

28 WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 6, of the Utah Constitution provides, "The individual
29 right of the people to keep and bear arms for security and defense of self, family, others,

30 property, or the state, as well as for other lawful purposes shall not be infringed";

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

34 WHEREAS, the Utah House of Representatives takes seriously its role to protect and
35 defend the rights enshrined in the Utah Constitution and the United States Constitution,
36 including the right to keep and bear arms:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports
38 robust statutory protections from federal or other actions to ensure citizens of the state maintain
39 their constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives supports continued
41 discussion of and legislative action on how to strengthen state law to provide greater protection
42 for those exercising constitutional rights, including the establishment of Utah as a "Second
43 Amendment Sanctuary State."