



27 WHEREAS, according to a report from the Utah Women and Leadership Project, the  
28 gender gap in the STEM workforce is much wider in Utah, with only 21% of the STEM  
29 workforce consisting of women;

30 WHEREAS, encouraging girls and young women to pursue higher education in STEM  
31 subjects is vital to increasing the number of women employed in the STEM workforce;

32 WHEREAS, data indicates that gender stereotypes may impact a young woman's  
33 aspirations to pursue higher education in STEM subjects; and

34 WHEREAS, the state can help to close the gender gap in the STEM workforce by  
35 dispelling stereotypes and promoting career opportunities for women in STEM occupations:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
37 recognizes the importance of closing the gender gap in the STEM workforce and increasing  
38 opportunities for women in STEM occupations.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah encourages girls  
40 and young women in Utah to explore STEM subjects, pursue higher education in  
41 STEM-related fields, and work towards careers in STEM occupations.