

1           **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY**  
2           **OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES**

3                                   2024 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper**

6                                   House Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

7           Cosponsor:

8           Ann Millner

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9           **LONG TITLE**

10          **General Description:**

11           This resolution recognizes the 50th anniversary of the National Conference of State  
12          Legislatures.

13          **Highlighted Provisions:**

14           This resolution:

- 15           ▸ highlights the history and significant contributions of the National Conference of State  
16          Legislatures.

17          **Other Special Clauses:**

18           None

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

20           WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) was founded in 1975 and  
21          has evolved during the past half-century to become the premier organization solely dedicated  
22          to serving state and territorial legislators and legislative staff;

23           WHEREAS, NCSL was created from the merger of three organizations that served or  
24          represented state legislatures and that shared the belief that legislative service is one of  
25          democracy's worthiest pursuits;

26           WHEREAS, NCSL is a bipartisan organization with three objectives: to advance the  
27          effectiveness, independence, and integrity of state legislatures; to foster interstate  
28          communication and cooperation; and to ensure states a strong, cohesive voice in the federal  
29          system;

25           WHEREAS, our nation's state legislatures are America's laboratories of democracy and  
26 have continually shown that they are the bodies to tackle emerging challenges;

27           WHEREAS, state legislatures are where people from very different backgrounds,  
28 representing very different communities, can come together and find common ground;

29           WHEREAS, NCSL has facilitated the exchange of ideas, provided critical research and  
30 information, and encouraged a rigorous review of complex issues confronting our  
31 communities, states, and nation; and

32           WHEREAS, NCSL strives to strengthen the bonds between America's state legislatures and  
33 the international community:

34           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
35 recognizes and commends NCSL for its exceptional leadership and commitment to the  
36 legislative institution.

37           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to NCSL.