

1                   **RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY JOINT**

2                                   **RESOLUTION**

3   2011 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson**

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10 **LONG TITLE**

11 **General Description:**

12           This joint resolution of the Legislature encourages the creation of a Utahn-Turkish  
13   Friendship Task Force to further long standing Utah-Republic of Turkey relations.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15           This resolution:

16           ▶ encourages the creation of a Utahn-Turkish Friendship Task Force by members of  
17   the Utah Legislature to further long standing Utah-Republic of Turkey relations,  
18   build upon time-honored friendships, and promote the cultural, educational,  
19   academic, political, and economic relations between Utah and Turkey.

20 **Special Clauses:**

21           None

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

24           WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey and the United States of America are  
25   long-standing allies, both dearly cherishing the universal values of freedom, democracy, and  
26   human rights;

27           WHEREAS, in its alliances with the United States, the Republic of Turkey has  
28   demonstrated its commitment to world peace and liberty as well as its secular and religious

29 tolerance of others;

30 WHEREAS, the Republic of Turkey has the world's fifteenth largest economy and  
31 Europe's sixth largest economy, is a valued trading partner with the state of Utah, and is to be  
32 commended on its contributions to the global economy;

33 WHEREAS, the state of Utah and the Republic of Turkey have enjoyed a strong,  
34 vibrant, and mutually beneficial economic relationship with the prospect of further growth;

35 WHEREAS, it is the custom of the state of Utah to welcome all who come to the state,  
36 especially those who come in the interest of friendship and commerce;

37 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state of Utah to further cultivate the good  
38 relationship between Utah and the Republic of Turkey and other Turkish nations; and

39 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Utah Legislature to recognize the contributions of  
40 our nation's allies and the value of maintaining beneficial relationships with allies of the state  
41 of Utah, such as the contributions made by the Republic of Turkey and the value of the positive  
42 relationship with this ally:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
44 encourages the creation of a Utah-Turkish Friendship Task Force by members of the Utah  
45 Legislature to further long standing Utah-Republic of Turkey relations, build upon  
46 time-honored friendships, and promote the cultural, educational, academic, political, and  
47 economic relations between Utah and Turkey.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the West  
49 America Turkic Council and to the Pacifica Institute-Utah.