

# RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROHIBITING CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN UTAH'S SCHOOLS

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**WHEREAS**, America was founded on true and eternal principles as stated in the Declaration of Independence and protected by the United States Constitution: *“that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”*

**WHEREAS**, “Critical Race Theory” (CRT) utterly disavows our founding principles and ignores our national progress, such as the abolition of slavery, constitutional amendments, and civil rights laws, to preserve liberty for all Americans and, instead establishes the false premise that America has been and always will be a systemically racist nation;

**WHEREAS**, CRT is designed to further divide Americans by indoctrinating young students into being ashamed of their race and or being a victim because of their race, setting races up against each other and advancing an ideology of hate;

**WHEREAS**, CRT insults and demeans Americans of color by teaching that they are less intelligent and capable to succeed and must have, by the force of law, extra benefits and special advantages to compete in society;

**WHEREAS**, CRT is diametrically opposite to American values and Republican principles and fails to remember Martin Luther King Jr’s words to judge, *“Not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character;”*

**WHEREAS**, the Republican legislators in both the Utah House and Senate unanimously passed resolutions, which identify risks of CRT in public education and makes recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding the prohibition of certain harmful concepts;

**WHEREAS**, the Utah Republican Party Platform states that we believe in “Equal Rights”, specifically *“the God-given individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Utah”* and that *“We recognize the*

*contributions made to our quality of life through ethnic diversity“ and ”affirm the infinite worth of all individuals, and seek the best possible quality of life for all,”* therefore be it **RESOLVED**, the Utah Republican Party completely rejects Critical Race Theory as un-American, societally destructive, and irreconcilable with American Human Rights and Equality under the Law; and

**RESOLVED**, the Utah Republican Party firmly declares that Critical Race Theory and similar concepts should never, under any circumstances, be taught in Utah's public education system, including higher education, nor used for employee training in state government entities, government contractors, or Utah's judicial system;

**RESOLVED**, the Utah Republican Party supports teaching objective truths of American history centered on the founding principles of our Constitution and Declaration of Independence, the recognition of valuable contributions made to our country by all Americans, the understanding of past mistakes and challenges that we have overcome, and instruction through a lens of unity and equality as one nation under God.

**RESOLVED**, the Utah Republican Party fully supports Senator Mike Lee's letter to the Department of Education and supports the recent resolutions in both the Utah House and Senate and calls on Republicans in the legislature and Governor Cox to pass and sign legislation to prohibit Critical Race Theory and alike concepts prior to the next school year.

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  - Digital copies of this resolution shall be sent from Chairman Jorgensen to members of the Utah GOP federal delegation and Utah GOP state-level elected officials--the governor and lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House, president of the Senate, the attorney general, and state auditor.
  - An email shall be sent out to rank and file members of the Utah GOP regarding the passage of this resolution.
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