

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UTAH FLAG

*Adopted by the Convention, April 22, 2023*

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**WHEREAS**, the Utah State flag, established in 1913, is beautiful, meaningful, full of important history, and was designed and crafted by our courageous ancestors—the strong people who founded this great state;

**WHEREAS**, the symbolism of the Utah Flag includes two **US flags** (representing support for the United States and the Constitution), the **Bald Eagle** (representing protection in peace and war), the **Sego Lily** (representing the Pioneers and the Native American tribes – Shoshone, Goshute, Navajo, Paiute, Northern Utes, and White Mesa Utes), the **Beehive** and the word “**INDUSTRY**” (representing hard work and industry), the year “**1847**” (representing when the Pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley), the year “**1896**” (representing when Utah officially achieved statehood), and **Six Arrows** (representing the mark of ‘preparedness’ – ready to defend our heritage, our ideals, and our achievements);

**WHEREAS**, a nationwide movement aims to defame, rewrite, and erase American history, including state flags and even the US flag;

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 legislature narrowly passed and the governor signed into law SB 31, completely changing the official Utah flag, removing significant historic symbolism and honor to our heritage;

**RESOLVED**, the Utah Republican Party rejects the erasure of American history that is engulfing our country, including the unnecessary change of Utah’s official flag, which has served our state for over 110 years;

**RESOLVED**, in honor of our forebears, the Utah Republican Party firmly supports the historic Utah flag remaining the official state flag in perpetuity;

**RESOLVED**, the Utah Republican Party will continue to display the historic Utah flag at all Party functions and events.

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