



***JOINT RESOLUTION to DIRECT EDUCATION LEADERS to DEVELOP a STATE
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ACCESS FRAMEWORK***

State Board of Education, UTech Board of Trustees, and USHE Board of Regents

Whereas, college and career readiness is a shared stewardship of all public state education entities; and

Whereas, all Utahns should have access to high-quality college and career opportunities; and

Whereas, there are significant opportunity gaps in Utah for underrepresented students and families; and

Whereas, according to the Utah System of Higher Education Report, "Utah's Growing Opportunity Gap," if these gaps persist, the State of Utah will miss out on nearly 300,000 degrees and certificates by the year 2065, with each of those individuals forgoing substantial annual income, translating to an economic impact for the state nearing billions of dollars; and

Whereas, ensuring all Utahns have access to a high-quality postsecondary education is necessary for the economic success of the state and the well-being of its citizens;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah System of Technical Colleges Board of Trustees, and the Utah System of Higher Education Board of Regents direct their respective chief executives to establish and align goals and resources that achieve the following outcomes:

- 1. Encourage students to set and achieve postsecondary goals that best help them succeed in their future workforce and educational endeavors.*
- 2. Provide a college access advisor for every Utah high school student to help them successfully access information about potential career pathways and available postsecondary educational options in Utah.*
- 3. Maintain a statewide, authoritative, online platform to guide K-12 students and returning adults in potential career pathways and available postsecondary educational options in Utah.*
- 4. Reprioritize state dollars to improve access to postsecondary education options, especially for underrepresented populations, that lead to high-demand, high-wage, or high-skill career options in Utah.*

Dated this 15th Day of November 2019.

*Harris H. Simmons, Chair
USHE Board of Regents*

*Steve Moore, Chair
UTech Board of Trustees*

*Mark Huntsman, Chair
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