



## NOTICE TO UTAH RESIDENTS AND INSTITUTIONS

### Religious Freedom and Gatherings – Unlawful to Restrict

This resolution is presented in pursuance of the mission of the Utah Central Committee, which is to assist Utah individuals, businesses and organizations in asserting their constitutional rights. All residents have the right to gather for the purposes of worship at all times, in any place they own, or in any publicly available space. **It is never legal for government to require any limitations on freedom of worship** without due process of law. If you have not been taken to court, where you have been found guilty of a constitutionally valid crime by a jury of your peers, then you still have all your rights of worship in word, thought and action.

**WHEREAS**, any one individual, or group of individuals, whether formally or informally organized, may be considered a religious entity and has the right to expect their freedom of religion to never be infringed upon in any degree.

**WHEREAS**, all religious entities have the right to worship their God according to the dictates of their own conscience and there exists no entity (governmental or otherwise) that has the authority to suspend this right. The law of the land states with absolute clarity that no legislative body has the power to regulate or control religious entities as follows: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof” (*Amendment 1, US Constitution*) and “The rights of conscience shall never be infringed. The State shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof” (*Utah Constitution Article I, Section 4*)

**WHEREAS**, any attempt by a public or private entity to create policy, rules, or laws that “act under the color of law” (*US Code Title 18, 242*) are unconstitutional and unlawful. **Any act of ignoring unconstitutional rules is in accordance with upholding the law.**

**WHEREAS**, these statements are based on the very foundation of our system of laws, supported by the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the United States Constitution, the Utah Constitution’s right to assembly clause (Article 1 Section 1) and freedom of religion clause (Article 1, Section 4) and Title 18, Section 242 of the US Code, which provides criminal penalties to any entity or individual who attempts to interfere with anyone’s rights, including the right to assemble and worship.

**WHEREAS**, continual violations of constitutional law have already started showing signs of resulting in long term consequences. The right of religious worship for all is foundational to the emotional well-being of society. The founders of this nation stated that self-government was most compatible with a religiously active society. It is of particular concern that smaller churches, synagogues, temples, mosques, etc. may experience undue hardships as a result of illegal shutdown orders.

**THEREFORE, we invite all individuals and organizations to follow the law by immediately engaging in their right to worship as they see fit.** We encourage a spirit of cooperation in honoring the governing law of the land.

Religious entities and individuals are not required to follow unconstitutional requests, but may choose to follow what they feel is a commonsense approach according to their own needs