

## CITATION HONORING THE CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE OF UTAH

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### STATE OF UTAH

In recognition of the enormous contributions to language learning and language immersion of Utah's K-12 and university students and the educational and cultural programs dedicated to the teaching of Mandarin, cultivating Chinese cultural awareness, and facilitating global education for our students Utah gratefully acknowledges the establishment of the Confucius Institute at the University of Utah (2007); the Confucius Institute at Southern Utah University (2015); and the Confucius Institute at Davis County Public Schools (2012).

In 2008, the Utah Legislature authorized by law the International Initiatives program that created funding for the Dual Language Immersion programs, including Chinese, in Utah schools.

Since the establishment of the first Confucius Institute in Utah, more than 13,000 students have participated in Chinese language classes through teachers sponsored by Confucius Institute Hanban Program; and over 130,000 Utahns have participated in Chinese cultural programs and events sponsored by the Confucius Institute.

The Utah Legislature recognizes the great efforts of the dual language educators in Utah schools in their important work to improve global learning experiences and intercultural competence of the people of Utah; and supports the improvement and expansion of international education and dual language immersion programs in Utah schools.

Utah and its citizens have mutually benefitted from the relationship with Confucius institute Headquarters and its support of Utah programs in Chinese language teaching and cultural exchange activities.

The Utah Legislature honor and recognize the efforts of the Confucius institute in Utah to strengthen educational and cultural exchanges and fostering people to people interactions between China and the United States.

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