Resolution Opposing State Subsidies and Fast-Tracked Approval of Large Data Centers in Utah

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WHEREAS, Utah's water, energy, and land resources are limited and should be managed responsibly; and

WHEREAS, large data centers can place significant demands on water and electrical infrastructure, making careful planning and local oversight essential; and

WHEREAS, conservative principles support transparency, local control, and responsible stewardship of public resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Salt Lake County Republican Party opposes state subsidies, tax incentives, and expedited approval processes for large data center developments that bypass meaningful local review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that state and local officials should prioritize the long-term water, energy, and economic interests of Utah residents when considering future data center proposals; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Utah, the leadership of the Utah Legislature, and Utah's county commissions.