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### **LEGISLATION MOVING FORWARD FOR A COMMEMORATIVE UTAH FLAG**

Provo, Utah -

The Organization for a New Utah Flag ([www.newutahflag.org](http://www.newutahflag.org)) have officially announced their design for a commemorative Utah State flag to celebrate Utah's 125th anniversary of Statehood will be sponsored and supported for legislation by Senators Dan McCay, R-Riverton, and Curt Bramble, R-Provo, during the 2021 Legislative Session.

The proposed design tells the story of Utah and its history through seven symbolic details. The Beehive represents Utah as the "Beehive State" and the state's motto of "Industry." The largest element of the design, it makes the flag instantly identifiable as belonging to Utah. The white star represents Utah's statehood in 1896 and its place on the United States flag. The crossroad design symbolizes Utah's place as "The Crossroads of the West" with the joining of the Transcontinental Railroad at Promontory Point in 1869.

The red in the southern section of the flag represents the Red Rocks of Southern Utah. The white in the east and west sections represents the snow capped Rocky Mountains of Utah. The blue found in the northern section represents tradition and the Great Salt Lake.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, the five sections of the flag (north, south, east, west, and center) collectively represent the five native tribes of Utah: the Ute, Paiute, Navajo, Shoshone, and Goshute peoples.

The Organization's Chair, Richard Martin, said, "We wanted to design an impressive new state flag that would meet all the criteria; that is, to be bold, simple, and unique, while honoring Utah's great history. A flag that anyone can easily recall and replicate. We feel that this new design perfectly exemplifies that goal."

A commemorative flag is not without precedent. In 2020, Maine celebrated their sesquicentennial with a commemorative flag that received large public support from its citizens, while Illinois and Texas have also implemented commemorative flag designs to celebrate their anniversaries of statehood as well.

"We believe that this design will definitely put us amongst the best flags in America," Martin says. "It is a design worthy of Utah."

To view the proposed design, and learn more about the Organization for a New Utah Flag's efforts, visit [www.newutahflag.org](http://www.newutahflag.org) or follow them on instagram @newutahflag.

