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THIS MONTH'S NEWS AND UPDATES:

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We wish you a happy New Year full of happiness and health!



2022 GENERAL SESSION

The 45-day General Session will begin on January 18th! You can participate by emailing me about a policy that's important to you, providing public comment during a committee meeting, or listening to floor time in person at the State Capitol or online at le.utah.gov. We will be sending regular updates during the session and would love to hear from you!



GREAT SALT LAKE SUMMIT

While many of us don't give much thought to the Great Salt Lake, it has significant impacts on our state's environment and economy. On January 5, Speaker Brad Wilson hosted the first-ever Great Salt Lake Summit. Scientists, environmental advocates, and

industry leaders joined state lawmakers to discuss possible policy solutions to ensure the Great Salt Lake is preserved for future generations to enjoy. Read Speaker Wilson's op-ed about this issue <u>here.</u>

ECONOMIC UPDATE

Utah's labor market has grown 3.6% since 2019. Only 2.1% of Utahns are unemployed compared to the national unemployment rate, 4.2%. While job growth has declined -2% nationally in the past two years, Utah's job rates grew 3.6%. Largest private sector gains in the past two years:

- Trade, Transportation, and Utilities: 21,100 jobs
- Professional and Business Services: 16,800 jobs
- Construction: 9,400 jobs
- Manufacturing: 8,300 jobs

Read more here.



NATIONAL BLOOD SHORTAGE-DONATIONS NEEDED

AABB, America's Blood Centers, and the American Red Cross urge eligible individuals to make and keep appointments to donate blood. The blood supply is at one of its lowest levels in recent years and if the blood supply does not stabilize soon, blood may not be available for some patients when it is needed. All eligible individuals are encouraged to donate. <u>Click</u> <u>here to find donation centers near</u> <u>you.</u>