

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON MCGRUFF**

2 **HOUSE**

3 2005 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Dan R. Eastman**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor recognizes the 25th
10 anniversary of the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign and urges citizen
11 recognition of the anniversary.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ recognizes the 25th anniversary of the National Citizens' Crime Prevention
15 Campaign, featuring McGruff the Crime Dog[®], and all individuals and
16 organizations involved in the campaign;
- 17 ▶ asks all Utahns to join in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the National
18 Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign and the Utah campaign's managing
19 organization, Utah Council for Crime Prevention; and
- 20 ▶ urges all Utahns to actively participate in crime prevention programs and other
21 crime prevention initiatives that focus on the protection of children, youth, and
22 families to improve the quality of life for all residents.

23 **Special Clauses:**

24 None

26 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

27 WHEREAS, nothing is more important to a community and to our quality of life than a



28 sense of safety and security;

29 WHEREAS, an organized and effective crime prevention program is essential to that
30 sense of safety and security;

31 WHEREAS, crime prevention is central to a sound criminal justice system at national,
32 state, and local levels and to safer and more secure communities;

33 WHEREAS, 2005 marks the 25th anniversary of the National Citizens' Crime
34 Prevention Campaign featuring McGruff the Crime Dog[®] and managed by the National Crime
35 Prevention Council;

36 WHEREAS, McGruff the Crime Dog[®] is an icon, recognized as the nation's symbol for
37 crime prevention;

38 WHEREAS, the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign featuring McGruff the
39 Crime Dog[®] is sponsored by the nearly 200-member organizations in the Crime Prevention
40 Coalition of America;

41 WHEREAS, the Utah Council for Crime Prevention (UCCP), established in 1976, is a
42 member of the Crime Prevention Coalition of America and was one of the original states
43 grandfathered into the coalition in 1981;

44 WHEREAS, the UCCP has engaged a diverse and inclusive group of community
45 organizations, including law enforcement, other state and local agencies, civic and community
46 groups, faith-based organizations, schools and youth advocacy organizations, and businesses to
47 play a vital role in reducing crime and building safer communities;

48 WHEREAS, the UCCP is a leading example of an effective public-private, state-local
49 campaign to improve the quality of life throughout Utah;

50 WHEREAS, the National Citizens' Crime Prevention Campaign featuring McGruff the
51 Crime Dog[®] provides a template, but it is the UCCP in the state of Utah that has inspired and
52 directed thousands of Utah citizens to take action, individually and collectively, to reduce
53 crime, drug abuse, and fear of crime;

54 WHEREAS, UCCP has become an integral and active contributor and developer of
55 programs which have furthered the effectiveness and image of the McGruff icon locally and
56 nationally, with two of the UCCP's programs, McGruff House[®], started in 1982 by UCCP, and
57 McGruff Truck[®], started in 1998 by UCCP and Mountain Fuel (Questar) and featuring
58 McGruff the Crime Dog[®] on all program materials currently in nearly every state in the

59 country; and

60 WHEREAS, McGruff Houses are temporary safe havens that children can go to in time
61 of emergency or when their safety is threatened in their neighborhood and McGruff Trucks are
62 utility vehicles with trained drivers who assist children in emergency situations in their
63 neighborhoods and communities:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
65 Governor concurring therein, recognize the 25th anniversary of the National Citizens' Crime
66 Prevention Campaign and all individuals and organizations involved in the campaign for
67 advancing the principles and practice of effective crime prevention.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor ask all Utahns to
69 join in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the National Citizens' Crime Prevention
70 Campaign, and of the campaign's icon, McGruff the Crime Dog[®], along with the Utah
71 campaign's managing organization, Utah Council for Crime Prevention.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge all Utahns to
73 actively participate in crime prevention programs, such as McGruff House, McGruff Truck,
74 and other crime prevention initiatives that focus on the protection of children, youth, and
75 families to improve the quality of life for all residents.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National
77 Crime Prevention Council, the Crime Prevention Coalition of America, the Utah Council for
78 Crime Prevention, and Questar.

Legislative Review Note

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Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

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State Impact

Mailing provisions of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst