

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING**
2 **GOVERNOR'S CHILD AND FAMILY CABINET**
3 **COUNCIL**

4 2007 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Paul Ray**

7 Senate Sponsor: Dan R. Eastman

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This joint resolution of the Legislature supports the formation of the Utah Governor's
12 Child and Family Cabinet Council.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

15 ▶ supports the formation of the Utah Governor's Child and Family Cabinet Council to
16 focus on the issues of ~~H~~→ **child abuse, substance abuse, neglect, and** ←~~H~~ domestic violence
16a and ~~H~~→ **[its] their** ←~~H~~ threat to Utah's children and
17 families.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19 None

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21 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

22 WHEREAS, the children of Utah are our future, and investing in their general welfare,
23 safety, and livelihood is of utmost priority;

24 WHEREAS, the children of Utah are our future workforce in whom we will rely on to
25 keep Utah competitive in the global economy;

26 WHEREAS, the protecting of children and the strengthening of families should be a
27 concern and responsibility of all Utahns;



28 WHEREAS, statistics show the threat to Utah's children and families, which crosses
29 over several program lines and consumes considerable resources to combat, is very real;

30 WHEREAS, the Division of Child and Family Resources receives 41.8 abuse
31 allegations per 1,000 Utah children;

32 WHEREAS, domestic violence-related child abuse continues to be the most prevalent
33 form of child abuse in Utah;

34 WHEREAS, the incidence of sexual abuse of children is the second most common form
35 of abuse;

36 WHEREAS, substance abuse by the caregiver is a contributing factor to the placement
37 of 60 % of the children in the custody of the Division of Child and Family Services;

38 WHEREAS, domestic violence is defined as a pattern of coercive tactics that can
39 include physical, psychological, sexual, and emotional abuse perpetrated by one person against
40 a cohabitant with the goal of control and power over the victim;

41 WHEREAS, sexual violence is defined as one person forcing another person to have
42 sex or perform sexual acts through coercion, manipulation, threats, physical restraint, or
43 physical violence;

44 WHEREAS, existing programs that maintain child safety and well being are dependent
45 on broad community support; and

46 WHEREAS, a proactive and coordinated approach to preventing abuse, neglect, and
47 violence against children and families is needed:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
49 supports the formation, by Governor Huntsman, of a council known as the Utah Governor's
50 Child and Family Cabinet Council to focus on ~~H→ [the issues of domestic violence and its threat to]~~
50a **a coordinated approach to preventing abuse, neglect, and domestic violence threatening** ←H
51 Utah's children and families.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor
53 Huntsman and the Division of Child and Family Services.

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Fiscal Note**H.J.R. 16 - Joint Resolution Supporting Governor's Child and Family
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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
