

1 **RESOLUTION ON PEDESTRIAN RIGHTS**

2 1999 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Sponsor: Gene Davis**

5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE URGING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO
6 ENFORCE ORDINANCES GOVERNING PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND RIGHT-OF-WAY.

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

8 WHEREAS, in 1997, 39 pedestrians were killed on Utah's public streets and highways in
9 accidents involving a motor vehicle;

10 WHEREAS, in 1998, 52 pedestrians were killed in accidents involving a motor vehicle,
11 an increase of 25%;

12 WHEREAS, important steps should be taken to prevent this escalation of pedestrian danger
13 and reduce the number of tragedies;

14 WHEREAS, pedestrians are granted the right-of-way on public roads;

15 WHEREAS, pedestrians have the right to use public roads and public transportation in
16 safety;

17 WHEREAS, pedestrians have the right to protection from hasty and careless motorists,
18 particularly when using crosswalks;

19 WHEREAS, crosswalks that are well lighted increase pedestrian safety;

20 WHEREAS, increasing the number of sidewalks on public streets would increase
21 pedestrian safety;

22 WHEREAS, motorists need to slow down and increase their awareness of pedestrians;

23 WHEREAS, green lights should be long enough to allow pedestrians to safely cross the
24 street; and

25 WHEREAS, dedicated efforts by local governments to increase the safety of pedestrians
26 is needed to stem the tide of suffering from these needless tragedies:

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urge

28 local governments to enforce local ordinances governing pedestrian access and right-of-way so that
29 deaths and accidents involving pedestrians and motor vehicles can be reduced and, where possible,
30 prevented.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of Utah's city
32 councils and county commissions, and to each city and county's chief law enforcement official.

Legislative Review Note

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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