

1 **RESOLUTION WELCOMING THE WORLD TO**
2 **UTAH - 2002 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

3 2002 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Ben C. Ferry**

6 **This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor welcomes the world to Utah**
7 **and to the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and extends best wishes to all who come to**
8 **participate in, to attend, to assist in the presentation and administration of the Games, and**
9 **to enjoy world class athletic competition.**

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

11 WHEREAS, the 2002 Olympic Winter Games will be hosted in Salt Lake City and
12 conducted in various venues in surrounding areas from February 8-24, 2002;

13 WHEREAS, the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games will also be hosted in Salt Lake City and
14 conducted in various venues in surrounding areas from March 7-16, 2002;

15 WHEREAS, the state of Utah is pleased and honored to host 3,500 athletes and officials
16 from 80 countries for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and 1,100 athletes and officials from 40
17 countries for the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games;

18 WHEREAS, the state will be hosting many citizens, dignitaries and leaders from many
19 parts of the world;

20 WHEREAS, over three and one half billion people throughout the world will follow the
21 athletic competitions and related Olympic events and be inspired by the personal sacrifices,
22 achievements, and spirit of those participating in the Olympic Games;

23 WHEREAS, much effort and resources have been expended to ensure that the 2002
24 Olympic Winter Games are a safe and incomparable athletic experience and a tremendous success
25 for all those who have journeyed to the Games;

26 WHEREAS, many throughout the state of Utah are working diligently to make the 2002
27 Olympic Winter Games a resounding success and reflect the spirit of this great state;



28 WHEREAS, many students in elementary and secondary schools throughout the state have
29 been involved in Olympic-related projects, including the Fleece Blankets Project to give 4,800
30 blankets to the athletes participating in the Olympic and Paralympic Games;

31 WHEREAS, volunteers have been recruited and trained to provide the very best assistance
32 to those attending the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, including many with proficient language skills
33 and knowledge and appreciation for different world cultures;

34 WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games has
35 diligently addressed the numerous vast details involved in organizing and hosting such an
36 enormous, international event;

37 WHEREAS, the cities, counties, communities, organizations, and citizens throughout the
38 state have unitedly joined together to invest years in preparation to host and support this event;

39 WHEREAS, the Olympic movement provides a peaceful means for nations to set aside
40 political differences and to join in a united pursuit of athletic excellence;

41 WHEREAS, the Olympic movement symbolizes peace and the spirit of brotherhood that
42 can exist among nations;

43 WHEREAS, the peace and goodwill which encircles the Olympic movement will be felt
44 by all those who attend in person and by all those who participate through different forms of media
45 from around the world; and

46 WHEREAS, preparations are almost complete and the citizens of the state of Utah are
47 ready to host the world:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
49 Governor concurring therein, welcome the world to the state of Utah for the 2002 Olympic Winter
50 Games and the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express gratitude,
52 friendship, love, and peace to our world visitors and hope they will enjoy the great athletic
53 competition, Utah's citizens, and the wonderful scenery, culture, and heritage of which its citizens
54 are so proud.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize the efforts
56 of many throughout the state, including students, volunteers, communities, and organizers, who
57 have worked so diligently to ensure that the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and the 2002 Paralympic
58 Winter Games are a tremendous success.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Salt Lake
60 Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, the United States Olympic
61 Committee, the International Olympic Committee, and to the national Olympic Committee of each
62 of the participating nations.

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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