

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON MCGRUFF

HOUSE

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Dan R. Eastman

House Sponsor: Sheryl L. Allen

LONG TITLE

General Description:

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

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

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

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, nothing is more important to a community and to our quality of life than a sense of safety and security;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, UCCP has become an integral and active contributor and developer of programs which have furthered the effectiveness and image of the McGruff icon locally and nationally, with two of the UCCP's programs, McGruff House[®], started in 1982 by UCCP, and

McGruff Truck[®], started in 1988 by UCCP and Mountain Fuel (Questar) and featuring McGruff the Crime Dog[®] on all program materials currently in nearly every state in the country; and

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

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

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

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

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