

1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING UTAH'S**
2 **ASTHMA OPEN AIRWAYS PROGRAM**

3 2008 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Todd E. Kiser**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This resolution of the House of Representatives recognizes the efforts of the Utah
10 Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of Utah to address problems
11 caused by asthma.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ recognizes the efforts of the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung
15 Association of Utah for their Open Airways Program; and
- 16 ▶ recognizes the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of Utah
17 for their efforts to improve asthma care, reduce the economic burden of asthma upon
18 Utah communities, and eliminate preventable deaths caused by asthma.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

22 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

23 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the state of Utah recognizes that asthma is
24 a debilitating disease that affects the quality of life of more than 200,000 Utahns;

25 WHEREAS, asthma is a chronic condition where blocked or narrowed airways cause
26 sufferers to experience coughing, chest tightness, and wheezing;

27 WHEREAS, asthma can be effectively managed by simple prevention and control
28 techniques, including properly using medications and avoiding cold or dry air, dust, pollen,
29 pollution, cigarette smoke and other environmental triggers, and stress and physical activity;

30 WHEREAS, asthma results in significant losses in worker productivity, health care
31 resources, and school attendance;

32 WHEREAS, Utah is suffering under the weight of rising treatment costs for asthma;

33 WHEREAS, asthma is particularly devastating to children, causing one of every six
34 pediatric emergency visits and ranking third among the causes of hospitalization for children
35 under the age of 15;

36 WHEREAS, the American Lung Association of Utah's Open Airways Program is
37 designed to help children learn to manage their asthma, resulting in fewer sick days and less time
38 in the emergency room;

39 WHEREAS, asthma poses a significant health risk to a great many Utahns; and

40 WHEREAS, the efforts of the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung
41 Association of Utah to educate the public about this ailment constitute a valuable public health
42 service and are indeed worthy of commendation:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
44 state of Utah recognizes the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of
45 Utah for their Open Airways Program.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives recognizes the
47 efforts of the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of Utah to improve
48 asthma care, reduce the economic burden of asthma upon Utah communities, and eliminate
49 preventable deaths caused by asthma.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah
51 Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of Utah.