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**JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE UNITED
NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Luz Robles

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature expresses support for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ expresses support for the efforts of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to save the lives of children, improve their nutrition, help them to attend school, and protect them from exploitation.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has been providing assistance to children for over 60 years and has saved more children's lives than any other organization in the world;

WHEREAS, to achieve this, UNICEF overcomes obstacles like politics, poverty, and even war;

WHEREAS, UNICEF's mission is multi-faceted, targeting multiple causes of death and abuse of children, including malnutrition, disease, and exploitation;



28 WHEREAS, Americans care about children, and individuals and governments in this
29 nation are generous in supporting efforts to save children's lives, making certain they can go to
30 school, and protecting them from exploitation;

31 WHEREAS, supporting UNICEF allows the United States and its citizens to be an
32 increasingly positive leader for change in the world;

33 WHEREAS, poverty, conflict, and disaster overseas have global implications that reach
34 even into Utah communities;

35 WHEREAS, UNICEF works to help assist children and families affected by crises
36 overseas;

37 WHEREAS, although UNICEF is not involved in refugee admissions or immigration, it
38 is likely that many refugees who resettled in Utah have direct and positive experiences with
39 UNICEF's humanitarian programs;

40 WHEREAS, UNICEF can provide opportunities for volunteerism for Utahns in support
41 of children around the world;

42 WHEREAS, through great emphasis on reducing preventable child deaths, UNICEF's
43 "Believe in Zero" campaign works to reduce the number of deaths of children under five years
44 of age;

45 WHEREAS, while the number of children under five who died in 2008 from
46 preventable causes was a staggering 8.8 million, this number is smaller than the 13 million that
47 died in 1990;

48 WHEREAS, poverty is a leading cause of extremism in third-world countries, leading
49 to great violence and instability both locally and internationally;

50 WHEREAS, by ensuring that children grow up with their basic needs met, extremist
51 organizations that provide social services for the local populace lose a major recruitment tool;
52 and

53 WHEREAS, by fostering a spirit of cooperation between countries on humanitarian
54 issues, diplomatic efforts for peace and friendship are made easier:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
56 expresses support for the United States Fund for UNICEF and for UNICEF's efforts to save the
57 lives of children, improve their nutrition, help them to attend school, and protect them from
58 disease and exploitation.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the United
60 Nations Children's Fund and the United States Fund for UNICEF.

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Fiscal Note

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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.
