

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION ON UTAH EPILEPSY PUBLIC**  
2                   **EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND AWARENESS**

3                                   2014 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Marie H. Poulson**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: Patricia W. Jones

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8                   **LONG TITLE**

9                   **General Description:**

10                   This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the Utah Department of Health and the  
11 Utah Department of Human Services to collaborate with other state agencies to deliver  
12 public epilepsy education, outreach, and awareness campaign materials and messages to  
13 individuals and organizations having regular interaction with individuals subject to  
14 epilepsy and seizure incidents.

15                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

16                   This resolution:

17                   ▶ urges that, in implementing the existing federal public education, outreach, and  
18 awareness campaign under 42 U.S.C. Chapter 6A, the Public Health Service Act,  
19 Sec. 330E-1, the Utah Department of Health and the Utah Department of Human  
20 Services collaborate with the Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs, the  
21 Utah State Office of Education, the Utah Labor Commission, the attorney general's  
22 office, and others to deliver the campaign's educational materials and messages to  
23 individuals and organizations, including:

- 24                   • teachers, administrators, and other education personnel;  
25                   • state, county, and local law enforcement personnel, and first responders;  
26                   • employers and labor organizations; and  
27                   • other individuals and organizations the Department of Health and the  
28 Department of Human Services consider to have regular interaction with  
29 individuals who are subject to epilepsy and seizure incidents.

30 **Special Clauses:**

31           None



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

34           WHEREAS, epilepsy is the third most common neurological disorder, after stroke and  
35 Alzheimer's and related dementias;

36           WHEREAS, epilepsy affects an estimated 100,000 people in Utah;

37           WHEREAS, one in every 10 people in Utah will experience a seizure during the  
38 person's lifetime;

39           WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury (TBI) is one of the most common injuries of war;

40           WHEREAS, experts believe that up to 50% of military personnel affected by TBI will  
41 develop epilepsy; and

42           WHEREAS, injury, death, and other negative health, economic, or life outcomes can be  
43 avoided through seizure training and awareness in school, the workplace, and the community:

44           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
45 urges that, in implementing the existing federal public education, outreach, and awareness  
46 campaign under 42 U.S.C. Chapter 6A, the Public Health Service Act, Sec. 330E-1, the Utah  
47 Department of Health and the Utah Department of Human Services should, to the greatest  
48 extent practical, collaborate with the Utah Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs, the  
49 Utah State Office of Education, the Utah Labor Commission, the attorney general's office, and  
50 others to deliver the campaign's educational materials and messages to individuals and  
51 organizations, including:

- 52           • teachers, administrators, and other school or education personnel;
- 53           • state, county, and local law enforcement personnel, and first responders;
- 54           • employers and labor organizations; and
- 55           • other individuals and organizations the Department of Health and the Department of  
56 Human Services, in consultation with the individuals and representatives described in Section  
57 330E-1(c)(2) of the Public Health Service Act, consider to have regular interaction with

58 individuals who are subject to epilepsy and seizure incidents.

59           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United  
60 States Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Utah Department of Health, the Utah  
61 Department of Human Services, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.