

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE**
2 **IMPORTANCE OF UTAH'S SPORT AND OLYMPIC LEGACY**
3 **EFFORTS**

4 2015 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: J. Stuart Adams**

7 House Sponsor: Steve Eliason

9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor acknowledges the
12 important role that Utah's sport and Olympic legacy activities play in our economy and
13 branding.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This resolution:

- 16 ▶ expresses support for Utah's ongoing sport and Olympic legacy activities;
- 17 ▶ expresses appreciation for and support of Utah's efforts to continue to strengthen

18 and expand its position as "The State of Sport" in the national and international
19 sport and Olympic spaces; and

- 20 ▶ encourages Utah to remain "ready, willing, and able" as the opportunity arises to
21 continue to host major sporting events of all kinds and be prepared should an
22 opportunity arise to host a future Olympic Games.

23 **Special Clauses:**

24 None

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

27 WHEREAS, the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Games was an unforgettable and truly



28 remarkable event in the history of Salt Lake City and the state of Utah;

29 WHEREAS, the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Games left a powerful and lasting
30 impact that has facilitated Utah's ability to build a robust sports brand and create a significant
31 Olympic legacy;

32 WHEREAS, Utah's sports brand has been an ongoing benefit to Utah's citizens, the
33 state's image, and the state's economy;

34 WHEREAS, Utah continues to invest in sport and Olympic legacy activities that are
35 being conducted at an extraordinarily high level;

36 WHEREAS, Utah has hosted hundreds of major Olympic and non-Olympic sporting
37 events since the 2002 Games that have enhanced Utah's economy, image, and global position
38 in sport;

39 WHEREAS, Utah's world-class Olympic and non-Olympic venues continue to host
40 events and train athletes and also allow Utah's citizens to use and enjoy these world-class
41 facilities;

42 WHEREAS, Utah's sports community continues to be unified in its effort to strengthen
43 Utah's sport and Olympic legacy initiatives and amplify Utah's global sport brand as "The State
44 of Sport";

45 WHEREAS, Utah continues to actively partner with and support the mission and
46 charter of the United States Olympic Committee, the International Olympic Committee, and
47 many other partners who are helping Utah enhance its sport and Olympic legacy;

48 WHEREAS, Utah's sport and Olympic legacy efforts continue to leverage and use
49 significant 2002 Games infrastructure and assets, including athletic and related venues,
50 transportation improvements, "green" initiatives, and many other elements from the 2002
51 Olympic Winter Games that continue to provide significant benefit to Utah's citizens and
52 economy;

53 WHEREAS, because of Utah's excellence in hosting of the 2002 Winter Olympic and
54 Paralympic Games, extraordinary sport and institutional knowledge continue to be used in the
55 hosting of many major sporting events of all types; and

56 WHEREAS, Utah is "The State of Sport," and sport and Olympic legacy activities
57 continue to generate and drive significant economic benefit and return on investment to Utah's
58 economy and image:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
60 Governor concurring therein, expresses support and encouragement to the Utah Sports
61 Commission and its many partners, including the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, venues,
62 sports partners, the national governing bodies of sport and international sports federations,
63 community partners, volunteers, and others in their efforts to keep Utah well positioned
64 globally in sports and the Olympic movement so that when the opportunity arises, Utah will
65 stand "ready, willing, and able" to welcome the world back.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the International
67 Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the Utah Sports Commission, the
68 Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Utah
69 State Chamber of Commerce, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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