

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE UTAH ATHLETIC**
2 **FOUNDATION**

3 2017 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings**

6 Senate Sponsor: Kevin T. Van Tassell

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution addresses issues related to the Utah Athletic Foundation, also
11 known as the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ urges the Utah Athletic Foundation to take on operating responsibilities of the
- 15 Soldier Hollow Nordic Center; and
- 16 ▶ supports the desire of the Utah Athletic Foundation to add representation to its
- 17 board of directors of a resident of Wasatch County with knowledge and interest in
- 18 the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

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

23 WHEREAS, as used in this resolution:

- 24 (1) "Foundation" means the Utah Athletic Foundation, also known as the Utah
- 25 Olympic Legacy Foundation;
- 26 (2) "Soldier Hollow Nordic Center" means certain real property and improvements on
- 27 the real property within a portion of the state's Wasatch State Park, including cross-country
- 28 skiing trails, a biathlon range, the Courtland C. Nelson Lodge, and associated facilities; and
- 29 (3) "Winter Sports Park" means the Foundation's winter sports park and access road

30 from State Highway 224 located in Summit County, Utah, consisting of certain real property
31 and all improvements on the real property, including three separate venues, a nordic ski jump
32 complex, a freestyle aerial jump and pool complex, and a bobsled and luge track together with
33 associated facilities and all rights-of-way and other rights of ingress and egress that the
34 Foundation owns;

35 WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games of
36 2002 successfully hosted the Olympic Winter Games of 2002;

37 WHEREAS, the state contributed in significant ways to the success of the Olympic
38 Winter Games of 2002, including building winter sports facilities used in hosting the Olympic
39 Winter Games of 2002;

40 WHEREAS, because of the success of the Olympic Winter Games of 2002, the
41 Foundation received over \$70,000,000 from the revenues of the Olympic Winter Games of
42 2002;

43 WHEREAS, 1994 General Session S.J.R. 17 and subsequent joint resolutions of the
44 Legislature address the sale of the Winter Sports Park and payment of a legacy fund to the
45 Foundation by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the operation and maintenance of
46 certain Olympic venues operated by the Foundation;

47 WHEREAS, 1994 General Session S.J.R. 17 and subsequent joint resolutions of the
48 Legislature address various aspects of the structure and governance of the Foundation;

49 WHEREAS, the citizens of Utah have an interest in the long-term financial and
50 operational success of the Foundation because of the importance of winter sports to the state
51 and because of the reversionary interest the state has in the Winter Sports Park under specified
52 circumstances;

53 WHEREAS, the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center, which was a venue during the Olympic
54 Winter Games of 2002, remains an important venue in this state for winter sports;

55 WHEREAS, the name "Soldier Hollow" has historical significance; and

56 WHEREAS, the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center has been operated by the Soldier
57 Hollow Legacy Foundation since 2000, but currently the Division of Parks and Recreation is

58 working with all parties to transfer operating responsibilities to the Utah Athletic Foundation:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, should efforts be completed between
60 the state and the Foundation to transfer operation of the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center to the
61 Foundation, the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the Foundation to amend its articles of
62 incorporation and bylaws by no later than August 1, 2017, to do the following:

63 (1) add to the Foundation's purposes, language providing that the Foundation will
64 operate and jointly maintain with the state the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center;

65 (2) add to the Foundation's purposes, language providing that the Foundation will
66 equally support efforts and action steps within its owned or long-term leased venues to
67 accomplish the Foundation's core missions and long-term goals;

68 (3) modify the membership of the board of directors to add a member as follows: "one
69 member residing in Wasatch County who is familiar with the needs and interests of the Soldier
70 Hollow Nordic Center"; and

71 (4) add the intention of the Foundation to ensure that the phrase "Soldier Hollow"
72 remains a part of the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center facility's official name.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Foundation provide a copy of amended articles
74 of incorporation and bylaws adopted by the board of directors that conform to this joint
75 resolution to the Legislature through the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah
77 Athletic Foundation.