

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

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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

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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.