

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FIFTY YEARS OF**  
2                   **EMERGENCY MEDICINE AS A MEDICAL SPECIALTY**

3                                   2018 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Margaret Dayton**

6                                   House Sponsor: Edward H. Redd

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8                   **LONG TITLE**

9                   **General Description:**

10                   This joint resolution highlights the contributions of emergency physicians to the state of  
11                   Utah and the nation, and recognizes the field's fiftieth year as a recognized medical  
12                   specialty.

13                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                   This resolution:

- 15                   ▶ highlights the contributions of emergency physicians to the state of Utah and the
- 16                   nation; and
- 17                   ▶ recognizes the fiftieth year of emergency medicine as a recognized medical
- 18                   specialty.

19                   **Special Clauses:**

20                   None

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

23                   WHEREAS, the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is the oldest and  
24                   largest national medical specialty organization representing physicians who practice emergency  
25                   medicine;

26                   WHEREAS, the American College of Emergency Physicians was founded in 1968 in  
27                   Lansing, Michigan, by eight physicians and has grown to represent more than 37,000 members  
28                   with 53 chapters, representing every state, as well as Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and  
29                   the government services chapter representing emergency physicians employed by military

30 branches and other government agencies;

31 WHEREAS, the Utah Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians was  
32 founded in 1972 and represents 337 emergency physicians practicing throughout the state of  
33 Utah;

34 WHEREAS, emergency physicians treat and comfort more than 141 million patients  
35 each year during some of their most frightening moments;

36 WHEREAS, emergency care is critical at any hour of the day -- Anyone, Anything,  
37 Anytime -- and emergency physicians provide diagnosis and treatment services not available  
38 anywhere else in the health care system 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year;

39 WHEREAS, emergency physicians are critical to America's ability to respond to  
40 disasters and mass casualty events;

41 WHEREAS, quick thinking and smart decisions in the emergency department save  
42 millions of lives every year;

43 WHEREAS, an estimated 4.5 billion Americans have received emergency care in  
44 United States emergency departments since the American College of Emergency Physicians  
45 was founded;

46 WHEREAS, every community needs a fully staffed emergency department, ready to  
47 treat patients around the clock for any emergency;

48 WHEREAS, emergency physicians are leaders in defining, evaluating, and improving  
49 quality emergency care and focusing on individual patients while advocating for the wellness  
50 of society as a whole;

51 WHEREAS, the best, brightest, and most diverse young physicians who graduate from  
52 our nation's finest medical schools are becoming emergency medicine specialists;

53 WHEREAS, emergency medicine was recognized in 1979 by the American Board of  
54 Medical Specialties as the nation's 23rd medical specialty;

55 WHEREAS, the American College of Emergency Physicians is the leading source of  
56 continuing education for emergency physicians and the primary information resource on  
57 developments in the specialty;

58           WHEREAS, the development of physicians specializing in emergency care has  
59 contributed greatly to the health and well-being of all the people of the United States:

60           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
61 congratulates the American College of Emergency Physicians on its 50th anniversary.

62           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the accomplishments  
63 and contributions emergency physicians have made to advance our nation's health care system.

64           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature reaffirms the value of emergency  
65 medicine and the vital role that emergency physicians serve in ensuring the health and  
66 well-being of their patients.