

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON UTAH'S OLYMPIC
EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE AND ITS EFFORTS TO
EXPLORE HOSTING OF A FUTURE OLYMPIC AND
PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor encourages the exploring of Utah and Salt Lake City hosting a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ supports and encourages Utah's Olympic Exploratory Committee in its efforts to ascertain if Utah and Salt Lake City are "ready, willing, and able" to host a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and supports hosting a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, as highlighted in S.C.R. 9, Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the Importance of Utah's Sport and Olympic Legacy Efforts (2015 General Session), the state of Utah values the experience of Salt Lake City hosting the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Winter



28 Games and the long-term importance of sports and the Olympic legacy to Utah;

29 WHEREAS, Utah is recognized as "The State of Sport" and continues to make major
30 investments in sports with the Utah Sports Commission, the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation,
31 along with many other key partners who are helping drive Utah's Olympic legacy and sports
32 activities by hosting hundreds of major Olympic and non-Olympic sporting events, training,
33 and other activities at world-class venues since the 2002 Games;

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

37 WHEREAS, because of Utah's and Salt Lake City's excellence in hosting the 2002
38 Games and the hosting of many major national and international sporting events since 2002,
39 extraordinary sport and institutional knowledge exist in Utah;

40 WHEREAS, Utah continues to use and leverage significant 2002 Games infrastructure
41 and other infrastructure and assets, including sports, athletic, training, venues, transportation
42 improvements, sustainability and green initiatives, and other key related strategic activities;

43 WHEREAS, due to the high level of Utah's Olympic legacy and ongoing sports efforts,
44 venues, and institutional knowledge, Utah and Salt Lake City are favorably positioned to host
45 another Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and can say with confidence that they are
46 "ready, willing, and able" to host the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games again and to
47 warmly welcome back the world; and

48 WHEREAS, an exploratory committee was formed October 17, 2017, by Utah's public
49 leaders, to begin the process of carefully examining hosting the 2026 or 2030 Olympic and
50 Paralympic Winter Games:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
52 Governor concurring therein, supports and encourages the Olympic Exploratory Committee in
53 the committee's hard work to determine whether Salt Lake City and Utah can host a future
54 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games on budget and can conduct excellent Games.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor strongly support
56 Utah's and Salt Lake City's hosting of a 2026 or 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games
57 should the opportunity present itself to bid again.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the International

59 Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the Utah Sports Commission, the
60 Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Utah
61 State Chamber of Commerce, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

Legislative Review Note

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