

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

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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.

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