

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF**
2 **THE STOP THE BLEED INITIATIVE AND CAMPAIGN**

3 2019 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Robert M. Spendlove**

6 Senate Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This resolution addresses the health dangers of uncontrolled bleeding and encourages
11 participation in and recognition of the Stop the Bleed initiative and campaign.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This concurrent resolution:

- 14 ▶ recognizes the impact of uncontrolled bleeds;
- 15 ▶ encourages citizens to participate in the Stop the Bleed campaign to learn more
16 about uncontrolled bleeding and how to address uncontrolled bleeding;
- 17 ▶ highlights the contributions of the Stop the Bleed initiative and campaign; and
- 18 ▶ establishes March 31, 2019, as Stop the Bleed Education Day.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

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

23 WHEREAS, the most common preventable cause of death after an injury is
24 uncontrolled bleeding;

25 WHEREAS, when a person is losing blood, every minute counts;

26 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign of the United States Department of
27 Homeland Security informs Americans about vital measures that can be taken to aid trauma



28 victims;

29 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed campaign was created after the 2012 mass shooting at
30 Sandy Hook Elementary School, through the work of a blue-ribbon committee and a panel of
31 experts, including representatives from the American College of Surgeons;

32 WHEREAS, implementation of the Stop the Bleed initiative in Utah is being guided by
33 Intermountain Medical Center, Primary Children's Medical Center, and the University of Utah
34 Hospital, which are the three Level I Trauma Centers in the state, in coordination with the
35 Trauma System Advisory Committee within the Department of Health;

36 WHEREAS, no matter how quickly professional emergency responders arrive,
37 bystanders are always the first on the scene;

38 WHEREAS, a person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes,
39 making it critically important to stop the bleed quickly;

40 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed initiative and campaign provides kits that include
41 tourniquets, dressings, and topical hemostatic agents to aid bystanders who are offering swift
42 assistance at the scene of a mass casualty or other incident;

43 WHEREAS, these kits are fastened to walls in public places; and

44 WHEREAS, the Stop the Bleed initiative and campaign aim to educate all adults and to
45 empower citizens to act when a life is at stake, whether from an individual act or a mass
46 casualty event:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
48 Governor concurring therein, encourages all Utah citizens to participate in the Stop the Bleed
49 initiative and campaign and to learn more about the importance of measures that can be taken
50 to control bleeding in an emergency.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor commend the Stop
52 the Bleed initiative and campaign and recognize March 31, 2019, as Stop the Bleed Education
53 Day in the state.