

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CREATE AWARENESS  
REGARDING THE VALUE OF BIRTH TISSUES**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Brad M. Daw**

Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor encourages Utah's medical community to raise public awareness regarding the life-saving value of birth tissues.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ encourages Utah's medical community to raise public awareness regarding the life-saving value of birth tissues for the purposes of treatment and research; and
- ▶ encourages hospitals and birthing centers to educate a pregnant woman about her choice to store or donate her newborn child's birth tissues.

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, the placenta, umbilical cord, umbilical cord blood, amniotic fluid, chorionic membrane, and Wharton's jelly are all birth tissues;

WHEREAS, birth tissues are commonly discarded as medical waste;

WHEREAS, the stem cells found in birth tissues can be used to treat over 80 diseases;

WHEREAS, a pregnant woman can choose to store her newborn child's birth tissues for



28 her family, or donate her newborn child's birth tissues to help others or for research purposes;  
29 and

30 WHEREAS, there are no health risks to the mother or her newborn child if the mother  
31 chooses to store or donate her newborn child's birth tissues:

32 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
33 Governor concurring therein, encourage Utah's medical community to raise public awareness  
34 regarding the life-saving value of birth tissues for the purposes of treatment and research.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage Utah's  
36 hospitals and birthing centers to educate a pregnant woman on her choice to store her newborn  
37 child's birth tissue for her family, or donate her newborn child's birth tissue to help others or for  
38 research purposes.