

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ADDRESSING OLYMPICS

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses comfort with the concepts and principles in the latest winter host agreement documents provided by the International Olympic Committee and would support the state of Utah signing similar host agreement documents for a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- expresses comfort with the concepts and principles in the latest winter host agreement documents provided by the International Olympic Committee; and
- supports the state of Utah signing similar host agreement documents for 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 previous resolutions, Utah values the experience of Salt Lake City hosting the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, and the long-term importance of sports and the Olympic legacy to Utah;

WHEREAS, Utah invests in sports with the Utah Sports Commission, the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, and other key partners who are helping drive Utah's Olympic legacy and sports activities by hosting major Olympic and non-Olympic sporting events, training, and other activities at world-class venues throughout the state since the 2002 Games;

30 WHEREAS, Utah actively partners with and supports the mission and charter of the
31 United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the International Olympic Committee, and
32 many other partners who are helping Utah enhance Utah's sport and Olympic legacy;

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

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

39 WHEREAS, these infrastructure and assets that could be used for future Olympic and
40 Paralympic Winter Games are found throughout the state;

41 WHEREAS, due to the high level of Utah's Olympic legacy and ongoing sports efforts,
42 venues, and institutional knowledge, Utah is ready, willing, and able to host future Olympic
43 and Paralympic Winter Games; and

44 WHEREAS, as of 2019, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee and the
45 International Olympic Committee now permit government entities other than a city to become
46 parties to host agreement documents:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
48 Governor concurring therein, is comfortable with the concepts and principles in the latest
49 winter host agreement documents provided by the International Olympic Committee and would
50 support the state of Utah signing similar host agreement documents for a future Olympic and
51 Paralympic Winter Games.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the International
53 Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee, the Utah Sports
54 Commission, the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation, the Governor's Office of Economic
55 Development, the Utah State Chamber of Commerce, and the members of Utah's congressional
56 delegation.