

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF**  
2                   **FEDERAL FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

3                                   2020 THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                           **Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson**

6                           House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

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8   **LONG TITLE**

9   **General Description:**

10           This joint resolution of the Legislature approves acceptance by the state of Utah of  
11   certain federal funds.

12   **Highlighted Provisions:**

13           This resolution:

14           ▶ approves acceptance by the state of Utah of all federal funds from:

15                   • Public Law 116-123, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental  
16   Appropriations Act;

17                   • Public Law 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; and

18                   • Public Law 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

19   **Special Clauses:**

20           None

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22   *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23           WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed Public Law  
24   116-123, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act;

25           WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed Public Law  
26   116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act;

27           WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Congress passed, and the President signed, Public



28 Law 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act");

29 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations  
30 Act provides funds to the states, primarily through the Centers for Disease Control and  
31 Prevention, and reimburses states for certain expenditures related to efforts taken in response to  
32 the spread of the Coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19");

33 WHEREAS, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act provides states and counties  
34 with a temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage increase to support certain medical  
35 and social service programs in the states, and provides funds to states for providing certain  
36 unemployment benefits and other assistance programs;

37 WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides federal funds to aid individuals, businesses,  
38 states, and local governments in responding to the pandemic caused by COVID-19 for the  
39 following purposes, among others:

- 40 • to offset certain necessary expenditures by states and revenue declines  
41 suffered by the states due to COVID-19;
- 42 • to expand unemployment benefits, access to unemployment benefits, and  
43 eligibility for unemployment benefits;
- 44 • to offer certain loan and loan guarantees to eligible states, municipalities,  
45 and businesses in need;
- 46 • to revitalize communities, respond to housing impacts, and expand  
47 community health facilities, child care centers, food banks, and senior  
48 services;
- 49 • to assist state and local governments in responding to immediate needs  
50 related to protecting citizens, assisting in community recovery, and  
51 certain declared disasters;
- 52 • to assist in certain emergency management efforts by state and local  
53 governments;
- 54 • to assist hospitals and other health-care institutions in:
  - 55 • covering unreimbursed health-care related expenses and lost  
56 revenue;
  - 57 • procuring personal protective equipment and other medical  
58 supplies;

- 59 • providing certain medical needs such as vaccines and
- 60 diagnostics; and
- 61 • making certain facility improvements;
- 62 • to support certain state and local efforts related to public health
- 63 preparedness and response;
- 64 • to support state child welfare services;
- 65 • to support state education systems by providing proportionate funding
- 66 to:
- 67 • elementary and secondary education institutions for actions and
- 68 activities taken in response to COVID-19;
- 69 • each state's governor to allocate, at the governor's discretion, for
- 70 emergency support grants to the education institutions that are
- 71 most negatively impacted by COVID-19; and
- 72 • higher education institutions for emergency COVID-19
- 73 responses;
- 74 • to assist certain public transit systems and airports; and
- 75 • to assist states with preparing for and responding to the effects of
- 76 COVID-19 on the 2020 presidential election;

77 WHEREAS, COVID-19 has spread within the state and caused a significant disruption  
 78 to the economy, the health-care systems, and the education systems of the state;

79 WHEREAS, the state of Utah is to receive federal funds under the Coronavirus  
 80 Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act;

81 WHEREAS, the state of Utah is to receive a temporary Federal Medical Assistance  
 82 Percentage increase from the federal government under the Families First Coronavirus  
 83 Response Act;

84 WHEREAS, the state of Utah is to receive a population-based disbursement of federal  
 85 funds under the CARES Act;

86 WHEREAS, the state of Utah and Utah's citizens will significantly benefit from  
 87 acceptance of the funds provided by the federal government under the Coronavirus  
 88 Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, the Families First Coronavirus  
 89 Response Act, and the CARES Act; and

90           WHEREAS, Section 63J-5-204 of the Utah Code requires that the Legislature approve  
91 a federal fund request within three months of the request if the request would "result in the  
92 state receiving total payments of \$10,000,000 or more per year from the federal government:

93           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
94 approves acceptance by the state of Utah of any and all funds granted to the state of Utah from  
95 Public Law 116-123, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental  
96 Appropriations Act, Public Law 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and  
97 Public Law 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

98           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be sent to Governor  
99 Herbert and the members of Utah's Congressional delegation.