JOINT RESOLUTION FURTHER EXTENDING THE STATE
OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE
COVID-19 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

2020 FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson
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LONG TITLE

General Description:
This joint resolution extends the state of emergency due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus.

Highlighted Provisions:
This resolution:
- recognizes the Governor's executive order, issued on March 6, 2020, declaring a state of emergency due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus;
- recognizes that the Governor requested and the Legislature extended the state of emergency to June 30, 2020;
- recognizes that the Governor has requested that the Legislature extend the state of emergency to July 31, August 31, 2020;
- finds that the extension is necessary to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the state of Utah; and
- extends the state of emergency, due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, to July 31, August 30, 2020.

Special Clauses:
None
Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, pursuant to Utah Code Section 53-2a-206, Governor Gary R. Herbert issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus;

WHEREAS, Utah Code Subsection 53-2a-206(3) provides that "[a] state of emergency may not continue for longer than 30 days unless extended by joint resolution of the Legislature";

WHEREAS, the Governor issued the executive order as a proactive measure, before a confirmed case was diagnosed in the state;

WHEREAS, subsequent to the Governor's order declaring an emergency, but on the same day, the first case of COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus in Utah was confirmed;

WHEREAS, the Governor requested that the Legislature extend the state of emergency, declared by the Governor, until June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Legislature extended the state of emergency declared by the Governor until June 30, 2020; "and"

WHEREAS, the Governor requested that the Legislature further extend the state of emergency, declared by the Governor, until August 31, 2020; and "and"

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is necessary to extend the state of emergency until "[July 31] August 20", 2020, to ensure that appropriate response and recovery action is taken to protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the state of Utah:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the state of Utah that the state of emergency declared by Governor Gary R. Herbert on March 6, 2020, due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus, which was extended by the Legislature of the state of Utah by House Joint Resolution 24, is further extended to "[July 31] August 20", 2020.