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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
Senate Sponsor:  Ann Millner

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 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 August 20, 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;

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is necessary to extend the state of emergency
until 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 August 20, 2020.