

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

4 2020 FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson**

7 Senate Sponsor: Ann Millner

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This joint resolution extends the state of emergency due to infectious disease
12 COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

- 15 ▶ recognizes the Governor's executive order, issued on March 6, 2020, declaring a
16 state of emergency due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus;
- 17 ▶ recognizes that the Governor requested and the Legislature extended the state of
18 emergency to June 30, 2020;
- 19 ▶ recognizes that the Governor has requested that the Legislature extend the state of
20 emergency to August 31, 2020;
- 21 ▶ finds that the extension is necessary to protect the health and welfare of the citizens
22 of the state of Utah; and
- 23 ▶ extends the state of emergency, due to infectious disease COVID-19 Novel
24 Coronavirus, to August 20, 2020.

25 **Special Clauses:**

26 None

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

29 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, pursuant to Utah Code Section [53-2a-206](#), Governor

30 Gary R. Herbert issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency due to infectious
31 disease COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus;

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

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

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

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

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

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

45 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is necessary to extend the state of emergency
46 until August 20, 2020, to ensure that appropriate response and recovery action is taken to
47 protect the health and welfare of the citizens of the state of Utah:

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