

**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

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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, 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, 2020.

**Special Clauses:**

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; and

43           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is necessary to extend the state of emergency  
44 until July 31, 2020, to ensure that appropriate response and recovery action is taken to protect  
45 the health and welfare of the citizens of the state of Utah:

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