

**JOINT RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE PUBLIC HEALTH
ORDER ISSUED BY SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH**

DEPARTMENT

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel McCay

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution terminates a public health order of constraint in Salt Lake County requiring the wearing of a mask or face covering.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ terminates a public health order of constraint issued by Salt Lake County Mayor Jennifer Wilson and Executive Director of the Salt Lake County Health Department, Dr. Angela C. Dunn, which requires the wearing of a mask or face covering in Salt Lake County.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Mayor Jennifer Wilson of Salt Lake County issued an order declaring a public health state of emergency in Salt Lake County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council has voted numerous times to extend the state of emergency, including the most recent vote on January 11, 2022, to extend the state of



28 emergency until midnight, February 15, 2022;

29 WHEREAS, on January 7, 2022, Mayor Wilson and Dr. Angela C. Dunn, Executive
30 Director of the Salt Lake County Health Department, jointly issued a public health order of
31 constraint "to require every individual living within or visiting Salt Lake County, Utah, to wear
32 a respirator (or until you are able to obtain a respirator, a well-fitting mask or face covering as
33 an alternative) in public spaces while indoors or queueing outdoors...";

34 WHEREAS, Utah Code Section [26A-1-114](#) empowers the Legislature to "terminate by
35 joint resolution an order of constraint issued by a local health department in response to a
36 declared public health emergency that has been in effect for more than 30 days";

37 WHEREAS, Utah Code Section [53-2a-216](#) empowers the Legislature to terminate by
38 joint resolution "an order, a rule, ordinance, or action by a chief executive officer of a county or
39 municipality as described in Section [53-2a-205](#) in response to a state of emergency that has
40 been in effect for more than 30 days":

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah does
42 not concede or confirm the validity of a state of emergency in Salt Lake County declared
43 pursuant to Title 53, Chapter 2a, Emergency Management Act.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature does not concede or confirm the
45 validity of a public health emergency in Salt Lake County declared pursuant to Title 26A,
46 Chapter 1, Local Health Departments.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature hereby terminates the public health
48 order of constraint dated January 7, 2022, signed by Mayor Jennifer Wilson and Director
49 Angela C. Dunn, requiring the wearing of a mask or face covering in Salt Lake County.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature prospectively terminates any public
51 health order of constraint requiring the wearing of a mask or face covering during the period
52 between the date of this resolution and April 1, 2022.