

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE OLYMPIC**
2 **AND PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

3 2023 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Jon Hawkins**

6 Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This resolution addresses Utah's hosting of a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter
11 Games.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ describes the status of Utah's bid to host a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter
15 Games;

16 ▶ describes previous legislation supporting Utah's hosting of a future Olympic and
17 Paralympic Winter Games in accordance with International Olympic Committee
18 and International Paralympic Committee requirements;

19 ▶ acknowledges the success of the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in
20 Salt Lake City and the expected benefit of another Olympic and Paralympic Winter
21 Games in Utah; and

22 ▶ makes certain assurances in contemplation of Utah's potential hosting of the 2030 or
23 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

24 **Special Clauses:**

25 None

27 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

28 WHEREAS, the Salt Lake City-Utah Committee for the Games (Host Committee) has
29 submitted a bid to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for Utah to host the 2030 or

30 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (Winter Games);

31 WHEREAS, the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee (USOPC) adopted
32 a resolution supporting the efforts to bring the Winter Games to Utah and committing to work
33 with the Host Committee toward a potential Winter Games bid;

34 WHEREAS, the Legislature, the governor concurring therein, passed 2020 General
35 Session, S.C.R. 9, Concurrent Resolution Addressing the Olympics, indicating that the state is
36 comfortable with the concepts and principles in the host agreement documents provided by the
37 IOC and would support the state signing similar host agreement documents for a future
38 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games;

39 WHEREAS, as indicated in S.C.R. 9, the state actively partners with and supports the
40 mission and charter of the USOPC, the IOC, and the International Paralympic Committee
41 (IPC);

42 WHEREAS, as indicated in S.C.R. 9, since the Salt Lake City 2002 Olympic and
43 Paralympic Winter Games (2002 Games), the state continues to maintain and improve critical
44 infrastructure and assets to support the state's future hosting of the Winter Games;

45 WHEREAS, in continuing the legacy of the 2002 Games, the state continues to
46 promote the values of Olympism, Paralympism, and winter sport;

47 WHEREAS, given the state's preservation of critical infrastructure from the 2002
48 Games, hosting the Winter Games is expected to generate to the state economic,
49 environmental, and other benefits greater than the benefits to the state from the 2002 Games;

50 WHEREAS, the 2002 Games were overall a success for Salt Lake City, the state, and
51 the athletes and individuals who participated;

52 WHEREAS, if the IOC chooses Utah to host the Winter Games, the IOC will require
53 the state to make various assurances; and

54 WHEREAS, in contemplation of a bid to host the Winter Games, the state makes the
55 following assurances:

- 56 • the state will ensure sufficient power and telecommunications
57 infrastructure is in place to host the Winter Games;

- 58 • the state's transportation infrastructure is able to support the Winter
59 Games and current transportation projects are not dependent on a bid
60 being awarded for the Winter Games;
- 61 • the state, in coordination with the federal and local governments, will
62 provide sufficient security and cooperate with the USOPC, the IOC, and
63 the IPC on security matters to provide for a peaceful celebration of the
64 Winter Games;
- 65 • the state will ensure the health and safety of the Winter Games athletes
66 and other participants by supporting the provision of appropriate medical
67 services;
- 68 • the state does not support, and the Utah Constitution and other
69 provisions of the Utah Code prohibit, sports betting or gambling during
70 the Winter Games;
- 71 • the state will coordinate with local authorities to ensure appropriate
72 public services are provided for the participants of the Winter Games;
- 73 • the state supports federal and other labor laws and regulations necessary
74 for employees or contractors to offer services at the Winter Games;
- 75 • the state respects and supports the United Nations Guiding Principles on
76 Business and Human Rights and international standards on
77 anti-corruption;
- 78 • the state will ensure the Winter Games venues are operated in
79 accordance with international accessibility standards; and
- 80 • the state supports any international agreements, laws, or regulations
81 applicable to the Winter Games:

82 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Utah, the
83 Governor concurring therein, makes the assurances described in this resolution in
84 contemplation of the state hosting the Winter Games.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the IOC, IPC,

86 USOPC, the Host Committee, the Utah Sports Commission, the Utah Olympic Legacy
87 Foundation, the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, the Utah State Chamber of
88 Commerce, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.