

1                   **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE**  
2                   **CHINESE PEOPLE REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS**  
3                   **OUTBREAK**

4                   2020 GENERAL SESSION

5                   STATE OF UTAH

6                   **Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg**

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9                   **LONG TITLE**

10                  **General Description:**

11                  This concurrent resolution expresses support for the Chinese people regarding the  
12 coronavirus outbreak.

13                  **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                  This resolution:

- 15                  ▶ acknowledges the serious public health risk of COVID-19 acute respiratory disease  
16 (coronavirus);
- 17                  ▶ expresses solidarity and support for the Chinese people's efforts to contain the  
18 coronavirus;
- 19                  ▶ conveys sympathy for those affected with coronavirus around the world;
- 20                  ▶ urges Utahns to remain calm and adhere to normal flu-season precautions;
- 21                  ▶ calls upon the international community not to impose unnecessary restrictions that  
22 interfere with international travel and trade;
- 23                  ▶ encourages close collaboration between the public and private sectors to develop the  
24 diagnostics, medicines, and vaccines to help bring the outbreak under control; and
- 25                  ▶ urges Utah public institutions to remain calm, take precautions to prevent the spread  
26 of all communicable diseases, and focus efforts towards people who exhibit  
27 symptoms.

28                  **Special Clauses:**

29                  None

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

32 WHEREAS, Utah and the People's Republic of China (China) enjoy a friendly  
33 relationship and strong economic, cultural, and people-to-people ties;

34 WHEREAS, Utah is enriched by the presence of Chinese residents, educators, students,  
35 and enterprises;

36 WHEREAS, the unique, 14-year legislative relationship between Utah and Liaoning,  
37 China is the only one of its kind between the United States and China, and is responsible for  
38 opening a significant channel for people, businesses, and education organizations to conduct  
39 exchanges and cooperate;

40 WHEREAS, cooperation between Utah and China is evidenced by the following:

- 41 • China is a top trading partner for Utah;
- 42 • many Utah companies have business operations in China;
- 43 • Utah leads the nation in K-12 Chinese language study; and
- 44 • in 2019, Utah hosted Chinese government and business leaders during the Golden  
45 Spike Anniversary, which highlighted the contributions of Chinese and other immigrants in  
46 Utah's history;

47 WHEREAS, a global health threat such as COVID-19 acute respiratory disease  
48 (coronavirus) demands an empathetic global response in order to preserve the health,  
49 happiness, and prosperity of individuals within the global community;

50 WHEREAS, the state of Utah is closely monitoring the situation, engaging with United  
51 States and Chinese governments and health partners to respond to the health threat in China,  
52 and will issue further information and guidance as necessary;

53 WHEREAS, as global citizens, Utahns should take measures to assist those in need and  
54 work proactively to preserve global health and the stability of the global economy, which align  
55 with Utah values of industriousness, empathy, volunteerism, and cooperation;

56 WHEREAS, global health and the global economy are inextricably linked as evidenced  
57 by the World Bank estimate that 90% of economic losses during any pandemic outbreak arise

58 from the uncoordinated and irrational efforts of the public to avoid infection;

59 WHEREAS, global health emergencies can cause fear among populations, and people's  
60 fear can be dispelled by rational, clear analysis and taking health advice from trusted  
61 information sources;

62 WHEREAS, Utahns should remain calm, use common sense, and adhere to normal  
63 flu-season precautions such as frequently washing hands, covering mouth and nose with a  
64 tissue when coughing or sneezing, or coughing or sneezing into one's elbow rather than hands;

65 WHEREAS, the CDC has advised United States citizens not to panic about the  
66 coronavirus and has warned against stereotyping people of Asian descent;

67 WHEREAS, in many places around the world, misinformation, false rumors, and media  
68 coverage about the coronavirus have stoked discriminatory sentiment toward Chinese and  
69 Asian people; and

70 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization says there currently is a "window of  
71 opportunity" to prevent the spread of the coronavirus by focusing prevention efforts near the  
72 epicenter in China, and Utah organizations such as The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
73 Saints, Intermountain Healthcare, and others have generously donated to China significant  
74 amounts of protective gear to assist in containing the virus:

75 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
76 Governor concurring therein, expresses solidarity and support for the Chinese people's efforts  
77 to contain the coronavirus.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor convey sympathy  
79 for those affected around the world and urge Utahns to remain calm and adhere to normal  
80 flu-season precautions.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor concur with the  
82 World Health Organization and call upon the international community not to impose  
83 restrictions relating to the coronavirus that unnecessarily interfere with international travel and  
84 trade and raise fear and stigma.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, where measures that restrict travel and trade have

86 been implemented, the Legislature and the Governor urge that their duration be short,  
87 proportionate to the actual public health risks, and regularly be reconsidered as the situation  
88 evolves.

89 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage close  
90 collaboration between the public and private sectors to develop the diagnostics, medicines, and  
91 vaccines to help bring the coronavirus outbreak under control.

92 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge Utah  
93 government, medical facilities, school districts, and other public institutions to remain calm,  
94 take precautions to prevent the spread of all communicable diseases, and focus efforts towards  
95 people who exhibit symptoms.

96 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge Utahns to  
97 use protective equipment judiciously according to public health recommendations.