

1 **UTAH ATHLETIC FOUNDATION JOINT RESOLUTION**

2 2016 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings**

5 Senate Sponsor: _____

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This joint resolution addresses issues related to the Utah Athletic Foundation, also
10 known as the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

- 13 ▶ supports the Foundation's role in taking on operating responsibilities of the Soldier
14 Hollow Nordic Center;
- 15 ▶ supports the desire of the Foundation to add representation to its board of directors
16 of a resident of Wasatch County with knowledge and interest in the Soldier Hollow
17 Nordic Center;
- 18 ▶ supports the intent of the Foundation to implement its nonprofit mission equally
19 amongst the post-2002 Utah Winter Olympic venues of the Utah Olympic Oval,
20 Utah Olympic Park, and Soldier Hollow Nordic Center;
- 21 ▶ requires the Foundation to provide the Legislature amended governing documents;
- 22 ▶ addresses the effect of this resolution on prior resolutions; and
- 23 ▶ provides for the distribution of the resolution.

24 **Special Clauses:**

25 None

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



28 WHEREAS, as used in this resolution:

29 (1) "Foundation" means the Utah Athletic Foundation;

30 (2) "Soldier Hollow Nordic Center" means certain real property and improvements on
31 the real property within a portion of the state's Wasatch State Park, including cross-country
32 skiing trails, a biathlon range, the Courtland C. Nelson Lodge, and associated facilities; and

33 (3) "Winter Sports Park" means the Foundation's winter sports park and access road
34 from State Highway 224 located in Summit County, Utah, consisting of certain real property
35 and all improvements on the real property, including three separate venues, a nordic ski jump
36 complex, a freestyle aerial jump and pool complex, and a bobsled and luge track together with
37 associated facilities and all rights-of-way and other rights of ingress and egress that the
38 Foundation owns;

39 WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games of
40 2002 successfully hosted the Olympic Winter Games of 2002;

41 WHEREAS, the state contributed in significant ways to the success of the Olympic
42 Winter Games of 2002, including building winter sports facilities used in hosting the Olympic
43 Winter Games of 2002;

44 WHEREAS, because of the success of the Olympic Winter Games of 2002, the
45 Foundation received over \$70,000,000 from the revenues of the Olympic Winter Games of
46 2002;

47 WHEREAS, 1994 General Session S.J.R. 17 and subsequent joint resolutions of the
48 Legislature govern the sale of the Winter Sports Park and payment of a legacy fund to the
49 Foundation by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the operation and maintenance of
50 certain Olympic venues operated by the Foundation;

51 WHEREAS, 1994 General Session S.J.R. 17 and subsequent joint resolutions of the
52 Legislature address various aspects of the structure and governance of the Foundation;

53 WHEREAS, the citizens of Utah have an interest in the long-term financial and
54 operational success of the Foundation because of the importance of winter sports to the state
55 and because of the reversionary interest the state has in the Winter Sports Park under specified
56 circumstances;

57 WHEREAS, the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center, which was a venue during the Olympic
58 Winter Games of 2002, remains an important venue in this state for winter sports;

59 WHEREAS, the name "Soldier Hollow" has historical significance;

60 WHEREAS, the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center has been operated by the Soldier
61 Hollow Legacy Foundation since 2000, but currently the Division of Parks and Recreation is
62 working with all parties to transfer operating responsibilities to the Foundation; and

63 WHEREAS, changing the purposes of the Foundation, including providing support to
64 the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center and equalizing the focus of the Foundation, requires
65 approval of the Legislature:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, should efforts be completed between
67 the state and the Foundation to transfer operation of the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center to the
68 Foundation, the Legislature of the state of Utah authorizes the Foundation to amend its articles
69 of incorporation and bylaws by no later than August 1, 2016, to do the following:

70 (1) add to the Foundation's purposes, language providing that the Foundation will
71 operate and jointly maintain with the state the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center;

72 (2) add to the Foundation's purposes, language providing that the Foundation will
73 support, equally, efforts and action steps within its owned or long-term leased venues to
74 accomplish the Foundation's core missions and long-term goals;

75 (3) modify the membership of the board of directors to add a member as follows: "one
76 member residing in Wasatch County who is familiar with the needs and interests of the Soldier
77 Hollow Nordic Center"; and

78 (4) add the intention of the Foundation to ensure that the phrase "Soldier Hollow"
79 remains a part of the Soldier Hollow Nordic Center's facility official name.

80 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Foundation provide a copy of amended articles
81 of incorporation and bylaws adopted by the board of directors that conform to this joint
82 resolution to the Legislature through the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

83 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 1994 General Session S.J.R. 17 and subsequent
84 resolutions relating to the Winter Sports Park and the Foundation remain in full force and
85 effect except to the extent that they are expressly superseded by this joint resolution.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Foundation.