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1	CONCURRENT RE	SOLUTION URGING THE F	RESCHEDULING	
2		OF MARIJUANA		
3		2016 GENERAL SESSION		
4		STATE OF UTAH		
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18	LONG TITLE			
19	General Description:			
20	This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Congress to			
21	reclassify marijuana as a Schedule II drug and encourages researchers to investigate the			
22	benefits of medical marijuana.			
23	Highlighted Provisions:			
24	This resolution:			
25	 notes that marijuana is currently classified as a Schedule I drug under the United 			
26	States Controlled Substances Act;			
27	notes that the current c	elassification of marijuana has led to	a lack of research on the	

potential medical benefits of marijuana;

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	• urges Congress and the federal government to reclassify marijuana as a Schedule II	
dr	ıg;	
	• encourages researchers to investigate the benefits of medical marijuana; and	
	• encourages researchers to report their findings to the legislative interim committees	
of Business and Labor, Economic Development, and Health and Human Services,		
or other groups as appropriate or feasible.		
Sp	ecial Clauses:	
	None	
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Ве	it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:	
	WHEREAS, marijuana is currently classified as a Schedule I drug under the United	
States Controlled Substances Act, which is an inappropriate classification because it impedes		
legal research by industries and universities;		
	WHEREAS, while the use of medical marijuana is allowed in at least 23 states already	
fo	numerous medical indications, marijuana use remains illegal under federal law;	
	WHEREAS, the federal government has indicated that it will not prosecute patients	
wł	to use medical marijuana in states where state law permits the use of medical marijuana, and	
the	ere is a potential change in public policy in Utah regarding this issue;	
	WHEREAS, there is a significant lack of research on medical marijuana by industries,	
un	iversities, and research institutions in the country, likely due in part to marijuana's	
cla	ssification as a Schedule I drug under federal law;	
	WHEREAS, conducting research on a Schedule I drug requires a license issued by the	
Dı	ug Enforcement Agency;	
	WHEREAS, Utah law also classifies marijuana as a Schedule I drug;	
	WHEREAS, changing the classification of marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II	
un	der state and federal law would result in the drug being more available for research, while	
still keeping marijuana safely regulated; and		
	WHEREAS, Utah has nationally respected research and healthcare facilities including	

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57	the University of Utah, USTAR, University of Utah Medical School, Huntsman Cancer
58	Institute, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and others:
59	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
60	Governor concurring therein, urges Congress and the federal government to change the
61	classification of marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule II.
62	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor encourage research
63	institutions such as the University of Utah, USTAR, University of Utah Medical School,
64	Huntsman Cancer Institute, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and others to collaborate on
65	determining the feasibility of a formal study of the medical benefits of marijuana.
66	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that those who determine the feasibility of a formal
67	study of the medical benefits of marijuana report their findings to the legislative interim
68	committees of Business and Labor, Economic Development, and Health and Human Services,
69	or other groups as appropriate or feasible.