

**JOINT RESOLUTION REGARDING THE WINTER SPORTS**

**PARK**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution extends the approval of the negotiation of sales of portions of the Winter Sports Park under certain conditions.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

► extends the approval of the Utah Athletic Foundation's negotiation of sales of portions of the Winter Sports Park under certain conditions.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, as used in this resolution:

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

(2) "Sale," "sales," "sell," "sells," "selling," or "sold" means to transfer:

(a) ownership, title to, or possession of real property; and

(b) with or without consideration; and

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

30 WHEREAS, the state contributed in significant ways to the success of the Olympic  
31 Winter Games of 2002, including building winter sports facilities used in hosting the Olympic  
32 Winter Games of 2002;

33 WHEREAS, S.J.R. 17, Resolution Concerning Sale of Winter Sports Park and  
34 Associated Facilities, 1994 General Session, and subsequent joint resolutions of the Legislature  
35 govern the sale of the Winter Sports Park and payment of a Legacy Fund to the Foundation by  
36 the Salt Lake Organizing Committee for the operation and maintenance of certain Olympic  
37 venues operated by the Foundation;

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

42 WHEREAS, the Foundation believes that it has an obligation to the citizens of Utah to  
43 find creative and responsible means to operate, maintain, and run winter sports programs and  
44 related public activities long term at the Winter Sports Park;

45 WHEREAS, the Foundation desires to maintain and increase the amount of sport and  
46 public activities at the Winter Sports Park, and the sales of portions of the Winter Sports Park  
47 property would allow the Foundation to add complimentary development uses and reduce its  
48 annual financial assistance from the Legacy Fund;

49 WHEREAS, the Foundation may have opportunities to sell portions of the Winter  
50 Sports Park for real estate development;

51 WHEREAS, the Foundation believes that sales negotiated in accordance with relevant  
52 joint resolutions will help improve the long-term viability of the Winter Sports Park;

53 WHEREAS, legislative approval was previously granted to the Foundation by S.J.R. 1,  
54 Utah Athletic Foundation Resolution, 2007 General Session, to negotiate sales of any portion  
55 of the Winter Sports Park for a limited time;

56 WHEREAS, the time frame to negotiate sales of any portion of the Winter Sports Park  
57 was extended in S.J.R. 11, Utah Athletic Foundation Resolution, 2010 General Session, to

58 April 1, 2020;

59 WHEREAS, the sales of portions of the Winter Sports Park have proven beneficial to  
60 the Foundation and as a consequence to the state; and

61 WHEREAS, legislative approval is required for the time period to be removed for the  
62 Foundation to negotiate the sale of any portion of the Winter Sports Park:

63 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
64 approves the Foundation negotiating sales of portions of the property under the conditions set  
65 forth in S.J.R. 1, Utah Athletic Foundation Resolution, 2007 General Session, except that the  
66 time limitation is removed so that the Foundation may enter any negotiation, contract, or  
67 agreement that would result in the Foundation selling a portion of the Winter Sports Park at  
68 any time. The Legislature's approval terminates for any negotiation or sale occurring on and  
69 after the day on which the Foundation fails to comply with this resolution in negotiating any  
70 sale.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah approves the  
72 Foundation negotiating the sales of portions of the Winter Sports Park subject to the Governor  
73 taking the actions required of the Governor in S.J.R. 1, Utah Athletic Foundation Resolution,  
74 2007 General Session. The Legislature's approval terminates if the Governor chooses not to  
75 take these actions required by S.J.R. 1, Utah Athletic Foundation Resolution, 2007 General  
76 Session, in providing written approval and any other action required for real estate  
77 development on the portion of the Winter Sports Park that is subject to negotiation for sale.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that S.J.R. 17, Resolution Concerning Sale of Winter  
79 Sports Park and Associated Facilities, 1994 General Session, and subsequent resolutions  
80 relating to the Winter Sports Park and the Foundation remain in full force and effect except to  
81 the extent that they are expressly superseded by this joint resolution.

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