

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION EXTENDING EMERGENCY POWERS**  
2                   **FOR FLOOD MITIGATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**  
3                   **REHABILITATION**

4                   2023 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

5                   STATE OF UTAH

6                   **Chief Sponsor: Mike Schultz**

7                   Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

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9                   **LONG TITLE**

10                  **General Description:**

11                  This resolution extends the state of emergency declared by the Governor to address  
12 flood risks throughout the state.

13                  **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                  This resolution:

- 15                  ▶ recognizes the Governor's executive order issued on April 18, 2023, declaring a  
16 state of emergency due to risks of flooding;
- 17                  ▶ acknowledges the ongoing risk of flooding due to record breaking snow fall;
- 18                  ▶ recognizes that the risks of flooding and other dangerous conditions and effects will  
19 likely persist for several months; and
- 20                  ▶ extends the state of emergency until August 15, 2023.

21                  **Special Clauses:**

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

25                  WHEREAS, on April 18, 2023, pursuant to Utah Code Section [53-2a-206](#), Governor  
26 Spencer J. Cox issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency due to flood risks  
27 throughout the state;



28           WHEREAS, Utah Code Section [53-2a-206](#) provides that a state of emergency may not  
29 continue for longer than 30 days unless extended by joint resolution of the Legislature;

30           WHEREAS, high snowpack levels remain, and runoff will likely result in flooding in  
31 various parts of the state;

32           WHEREAS, avalanches, mudslides, rockslides, and other dangerous conditions are  
33 likely to occur and persist for several months;

34           WHEREAS, flood damage mitigation and infrastructure rehabilitation efforts will be  
35 necessary for several months;

36           WHEREAS, on May 5, 2023, the Governor requested that the Legislature extend the  
37 state of emergency; and

38           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is necessary to extend the state of emergency  
39 until August 15, 2023, to ensure that appropriate response and recovery action is taken to  
40 ensure the safety, health, and welfare of the citizens of the state of Utah:

41           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the state of Utah that  
42 the state of emergency declared by Governor Spencer J. Cox on April 18, 2023, due to flood  
43 risks and related conditions is extended to August 15, 2023.