

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCEPTANCE OF**
2 **FEDERAL FUNDS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

3 2020 THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson**

6 House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution of the Legislature approves acceptance by the state of Utah of
11 certain federal funds.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ approves acceptance by the state of Utah of all federal funds from:
- 15 • Public Law 116-123, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental
 - 16 Appropriations Act;
 - 17 • Public Law 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; and
 - 18 • Public Law 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

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

23 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed Public Law
24 116-123, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act;

25 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Congress passed and the President signed Public Law
26 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act;

27 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, Congress passed, and the President signed, Public
28 Law 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act");

29 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations

30 Act provides funds to the states, primarily through the Centers for Disease Control and
31 Prevention, and reimburses states for certain expenditures related to efforts taken in response to
32 the spread of the Coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19");

33 WHEREAS, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act provides states and counties
34 with a temporary Federal Medical Assistance Percentage increase to support certain medical
35 and social service programs in the states, and provides funds to states for providing certain
36 unemployment benefits and other assistance programs;

37 WHEREAS, the CARES Act provides federal funds to aid individuals, businesses,
38 states, and local governments in responding to the pandemic caused by COVID-19 for the
39 following purposes, among others:

- 40 • to offset certain necessary expenditures by states and revenue declines
41 suffered by the states due to COVID-19;
- 42 • to expand unemployment benefits, access to unemployment benefits, and
43 eligibility for unemployment benefits;
- 44 • to offer certain loan and loan guarantees to eligible states, municipalities,
45 and businesses in need;
- 46 • to revitalize communities, respond to housing impacts, and expand
47 community health facilities, child care centers, food banks, and senior
48 services;
- 49 • to assist state and local governments in responding to immediate needs
50 related to protecting citizens, assisting in community recovery, and
51 certain declared disasters;
- 52 • to assist in certain emergency management efforts by state and local
53 governments;
- 54 • to assist hospitals and other health-care institutions in:
 - 55 • covering unreimbursed health-care related expenses and lost
56 revenue;
 - 57 • procuring personal protective equipment and other medical

86 WHEREAS, the state of Utah and Utah's citizens will significantly benefit from
87 acceptance of the funds provided by the federal government under the Coronavirus
88 Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, the Families First Coronavirus
89 Response Act, and the CARES Act; and

90 WHEREAS, Section 63J-5-204 of the Utah Code requires that the Legislature approve
91 a federal fund request within three months of the request if the request would "result in the
92 state receiving total payments of \$10,000,000 or more per year from the federal government":

93 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
94 approves acceptance by the state of Utah of any and all funds granted to the state of Utah from
95 Public Law 116-123, the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental
96 Appropriations Act, Public Law 116-127, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and
97 Public Law 116-136, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

98 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be sent to Governor
99 Herbert and the members of Utah's Congressional delegation.