WOMEN'S STATE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY. UTAH

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB272 Child Custody Proceedings Amendments (Representative P. Cutler)

WHEREAS, The Women's State Legislative Council seeks to insure that Utah use all means to fight child abuse in Utah;;

WHEREAS, House Bill 272 sponsored by Representative Paul Cuttler will require family court judges in Utah to consider child abuse as a factor in determining the best interests of a child, and will require that there be training for court personnel on child abuse, and will require that family law courts receive evidence from experts with credentials in child abuse;

WHEREAS, judges in family court will be better able to address the best interests of a child if family law judges are trained and also receive into evidence expert witness testimony by experts with sufficient credentials and expertise in the field of child abuse;

WHEREAS, House Bill 272 will provide help in family law courts to children who are victims of abuse; and therefore it is

RESOLVED, The Women's State Legislative Council supports House Bill 272.

Dated this 14th day of February, 2024.

Donna Murphy RN MSN CPN

Donna Murphy RN MSN CPN,, President Women's State Legislative Council

Shauna Scott-Bellaccomo

Shauna Scott-Bellaccomo, Director WSLC Judiciary Study Committee

Donna Kelly JD

Donna Kelly JD
WSLC Judiciary Study Committee