



RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 76: END OF LIFE OPTION ACT

Whereas, It has been shown that an open discussion of end-of-life concerns with physicians brought to light other options available, and in some cases explored, leading to an improvement in end-of-life care<sup>1,2</sup>;

Whereas, Surveys reveal that most people are in favor of having the choice regarding treatment to extend their lives and treatment to end their lives in a "humane and dignified manner"<sup>3</sup>, if faced with a terminal illness<sup>3,4</sup>;

Whereas, The decision by the patient to obtain a prescription is not binding<sup>5</sup>;

Whereas, The qualified patient has been made fully aware of the consequences of self-administering the prescription<sup>5</sup>;

Whereas, HB 76 addresses patient requirements and mental capacity in a responsible way<sup>5</sup>;

Whereas, HB 76 addresses physician requirements in a responsible way<sup>5</sup>;

Whereas, HB 76 addresses the request for and dispensing of the prescriptions in a responsible way<sup>5</sup>;

Whereas, HB 76 prohibits a "physician or any other person to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing or active euthanasia" and so the patient's option to end their life in a "humane and dignified manner" is not considered assisted suicide<sup>5</sup>; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Women's State Legislative Council of Utah supports HB 76 to give patients the right to choose an End of Life Option.

Dated this 8 day of February 2017

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<sup>1</sup>[http://billingsgazette.com/news/opinion/guest/death-with-dignity-facts-of-oregon-s-experience/article\\_e58042c0-9147-11df-843f-001cc4c03286.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/opinion/guest/death-with-dignity-facts-of-oregon-s-experience/article_e58042c0-9147-11df-843f-001cc4c03286.html)

<sup>2</sup>[http://www.leg.state.vt.us/reports/05Death/Death\\_With\\_Dignity\\_Report.htm](http://www.leg.state.vt.us/reports/05Death/Death_With_Dignity_Report.htm)

<sup>3</sup><https://www.scribd.com/document/37307438/2005-Harris-Poll-on-national-Death-With-Dignity-support>

<sup>4</sup>[www.gallup.com/opinion/queue/179159/brittany-maynard-story](http://www.gallup.com/opinion/queue/179159/brittany-maynard-story)

<sup>5</sup><http://le.utah.gov/~2017/bills/static/HB0076.html>