



A PROCLAMATION DECLARING WASHINGTON COUNTY AS *AMERICA'S COUNTY*

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Whereas, the United States is a promised and blessed land, preserved as a haven for freedom and peace where liberty can blossom and thrive for those willing to support that cause.

Whereas, while the foundation of freedom was constructed in small parts throughout the world over many centuries, true freedom is a uniquely American experiment.

Whereas, only in this great nation has the ideal of liberty, longed for by all mankind since the dawn of time, been established in an enduring and perpetual form.

Whereas, never before has a nation been as successful, peaceful, and prosperous as America since 1776.

Whereas, never before has a nation done more for the cause of global peace, prosperity, and liberty.

Whereas, those successes globally are directly attributable to the liberty of citizens of America.

Whereas, America quickly became the beacon to the world of how nations should be governed and how the natural state of people is to be free.

Whereas, the founders of this great nation were men and women willing to sacrifice all that they had, including their own lives if required, to establish that cause of peace.

Whereas, the early pioneers to the great State of Utah came to reclaim their right to practice their religion and to live in peace.

Whereas, they longed to maintain the freedoms granted by a young and fragile nation.

Whereas, determined men and women were sent to

Washington County in the furtherance of freedom in practical application and cooperative success of the state and region.

Whereas, only those brave enough and strong enough stayed and survived in Utah's Dixie.

Whereas, that history of courageous hard work and striving for independence in an unforgiving environment established a legacy of endurance and determination for success of liberty in this land.

Whereas, freedom, patriotism, and liberty have long been defended through courage and bravery in Utah's Dixie since inception.

Whereas, the courage of our founding fathers was carried in the hearts of the early pioneers, and still thrives in the hearts of new American patriots in Washington County today.

Whereas, those ideals are fragile and under constant threat of destruction.

Whereas, the nation and world need shining examples of liberty, and of responsible and limited government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Whereas, with that passion we declare that Washington County, Utah is *America's County*, the example of freedom in the land of liberty, that all who live in Utah's Dixie will collectively strive and fight for Constitutional freedoms, that this land will be a beacon to the world of how a community thrives in liberty.

Whereas, Washington County, Utah proclaims the blessings of a democratic republican form of government and individual freedoms protected by our U.S. Constitution.

Whereas, in these times of social confusion and division, let us work to build a more perfect union by celebrating what brings us together, not what divides us. Let us remember the divine truths that all mankind are created equal and endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights. Let us love our neighbors and care for one another so that a civil society and limited government will be the natural order of our county.

Whereas, we celebrate the Paiute nation whose family fires first made this place a home since before recorded history and who were the first in our county to believe in individual freedom, and whose descendants are our friends and neighbors.

Whereas, we give thanks for the divine wisdom that rested upon the founders of this modern American nation to guide them to establish the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Whereas, with gratitude, we remember the sacrifice of the pioneers whose hard work and sacrifice laid the foundation for the prosperity and opportunities of today.

Whereas, we salute all our veteran sons and daughters who in their youth took up arms to defend and protect peace against the never-ending waves of tyranny.

Whereas, we support those of our community who have chosen a career as a first responder to keep our county a safe place where criminal behavior is not tolerated.

Whereas, principles of democracy embodied in the Republic of the United States dictate a continued vigilance to maintain liberty, commerce, justice, and basic human rights.

Whereas, the words “We the People” are just as viable and effective today.

Whereas, the flag of the United States is a symbol of all that is right and achievable in a free society, and citizens have the right to singularly display it.

Whereas, personal freedom is reinforced and protected by a strong military and law enforcement.

Whereas, family is the basic fabric of strong community and national achievement.

Whereas, the foundation of America as referred to by the Founders is based on a belief and homage to the overseeing eye and hand of Deity.

Whereas, we have respect for those who first inhabited the land.

Whereas, we maintain a recognition of the intrinsic goodness of Americans and their cause.

Whereas, all are welcome to this free and inviting land.

Whereas, Americans in business are hardworking, innovative, and fair.

Whereas, the words, “In God We Trust” are taken seriously here.

Whereas, patriots of America are needed in every county, city, town, and household.

Whereas, all institutions of education, public and private, must demonstrate a dedication to teaching the principles of Americanism.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the county commissioners of Washington County, hereby declare and proclaim all of Washington County as America’s County, with a perpetual commitment to stand by the principles of the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Utah, the Bill of Rights, and the principles of American Government. We do this to preserve the God-given rights, as referenced in the Declaration of Independence, to *Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness*.

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