HOUSING GAP
COALITION

RESOLUTION #___

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF IVINS, UTAH REGARDING UTAH'S HOUSING NEEDS.

WHEREAS, Utah's population growth is among the highest in the nation, the result of a strong economy, larger family sizes and high quality life measures; and

WHEREAS, the developable land in Utah's most populated valleys is rapidly disappearing; and

WHEREAS, research conducted by the University of Utah has shown that for the first time in 40 years Utah has had more new households than new housing units provided, resulting in a housing shortage that is contributing to housing costs to increasing, so that many Utah families are struggling to meet their housing needs; and

WHEREAS, since 2011 this housing gap, or shortage of housing, is estimated to be above 50,000 units and growing each year, even as Utah led the nation in percentage terms of housing construction last year.

WHEREAS, "Housing affordability" means the ability of a household to occupy a housing unit paying no more than 30% of the household's income for gross housing costs, including utilities.

WHEREAS, the current affordable housing crisis in Utah is concentrated in households with incomes below the median income but left unaddressed the median price of a home in the Wasatch Front would be $700,000 within in a generation impacting a majority of Utah families.

WHEREAS, accommodating a significant portion of Utah's population growth in proximity to employment opportunities allows people to live closer to work, reduce driving, reduce air pollution, reduce household transportation costs, decrease infrastructure costs, and maintain and improve the quality of life for Utah's residents; and

WHEREAS, cities that adopt measures encouraging and supporting housing affordability will improve the overall prosperity, air quality, as well as reduce housing and transportation cost not only for their cities, but for the region and state.

WHEREAS, reducing regulatory barriers and fees to all types of housing will improve housing affordability, maintain Utah's premier business climate, and decrease infrastructure costs; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake Chamber's Housing GAP Coalition is working with local governments to raise awareness about the choices to promote and increase housing affordability, preserve our strong economy and protect the quality of life in the face of rapid growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF IVINS, UTAH:

SECTION 1. Pledge of support. Together with other Utah local governments and community stakeholders, we as a city are committed to ensuring housing affordability is attainable for all Utah residents, and we recognize our ability to implement various smart growth strategies to promote and maintain housing affordability.

SECTION 2. Measures to be taken. The city pledges to adopt and implement measures that are designed to:



1. Minimize barriers, including exercising restraint in impact and permit fee increases, to the provision of all housing and provides housing opportunity for all of incomes and life stages;
2. Review and reform existing practices, including zoning, impact and other fees, and other potential impacts that would negatively impact housing affordability;
3. Plan and allow significant housing opportunities near employment centers, public transportation, and other amenities;
4. Increasing public and government awareness and understanding of the housing affordability needs of our city, region and state;
5. Think and coordinate regionally about local land use decisions;
6. Align housing, infrastructure, and economic development efforts; and
7. Promote collaboration with other communities, elected officials, and stakeholders on additional solutions.

Toward these ends, we will review and, as needed, update our general plan, comply with the 2018 moderate income housing legislation, and take other steps as appropriate.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage by the legislative body and upon its notice as required by law.