A Proclamation by the Mayor and City Council of Ivins City, State of Utah

WHEREAS, In 1925 the Ernest John and Jetta Gubler Reber family was the eleventh to move to the Santa Clara Bench later to become the Town of Ivins when Jack Reber was only four years old, and
WHEREAS, Jack and his family lived in a boarded up tent for a year and a half with no water or lights while his father cleared land for farming and built their modest home, and
WHEREAS, Jack was a member of the first graduating class of Dixie High School and graduated from Dixie Jr. College in 1940 trained in welding and mechanics, and
WHEREAS, Jack married his sweetheart Anna Belle Leavitt on December 20, 1941 and they moved to California for a period of time. Together they had six children, Robert, Caroline, Norene, Annette, Steven Jack and Shirlene. Belle passed away in 1982 and Jack later remarried Johanna Owens in 1988, and
WHEREAS, In April of 1943 Jack and Belle moved back to Ivins purchasing a small home, some property and a small herd of cattle. After his service in the military Jack returned home to Ivins where he worked as a mechanic in St, George and farmed mostly in the Beryl desert near Enterprise. He has remained a resident of Ivins from then to the present day, and
WHEREAS, Jack served in the Navy from 1944 to 1946 welding damaged ships. Much of his time in military service was spent in Guam, and
WHEREAS, Jack Reber served on the Town Council for many years and as Mayor of Ivins from January 2, 1978 to April 9, 1980, and
WHEREAS, While serving as Mayor Jack among other things sold City owned property and got the City out of debt, solicited donations and with the help of others completed the Ivins City Park and finished installing a culinary water system through the City complete with fire hydrants, and
WHEREAS, Jack as Mayor also approached Allen Blood requesting that the Blood Family, then significant land owners in Ivins, donate ten acres to the City for a future municipal use. The Allen Blood Estate did in fact honor Jack's request and donated ten acres to the City that was ultimately used to bring the Southern Utah Veterans Home to Ivins, and
WHEREAS, Jack Reber is the oldest living long term resident of Ivins. On June 16th 2021 Jack Reber will celebrate his 100th birthday. He now resides in the Veterans Home he helped to make possible.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF IVINS CITY, STATE OF UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

In recognition of his status as Ivins oldest living resident, his outstanding service to Ivins City as Mayor and his foresight in securing the donation of ten acres of land from the Allen Blood Estate upon which the Southern Utah Veterans Home campus now exists, we hereby declare June 16, 2021 to be "Jack Reber Day" in Ivins City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

Given under my hand and Seal of Ivins City, State of Utah.

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Mayor, Ivins City
May 20, 2021