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

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America is an annual tribute founded in 2007, formed as a non-profit to expand annual wreath-laying to honor the Veteran's that served our country; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Wreaths Across America is to *Remember* our fallen U.S. Veterans, *Honor* those who serve and *Teach* your children the value of freedom and is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Veteran's cemeteries nationally; and

WHEREAS, Wreaths Across America is committed to teaching younger generations about the value of their freedoms, and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed to protect those freedoms; and

WHEREAS, each balsam bouquet that comprises a wreath symbolizes the ten special qualities that our Veterans embody: faith, love, strength, honesty, humility, ambition, optimism, concern, pride and their hopes and dreams; and

WHEREAS, when a wreath is placed on a Veteran's grave, it is encouraged to speak their name aloud, thank them for their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, every year since 2008, Congress proclaims a Saturday in December as National Wreaths Across America Day. This year it will be December 16, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hart, Mayor of Ivins City, Utah, in partnership with the Ivins Community Supporting Wreaths Across America, do hereby proclaim December 16th, 2023 as Wreaths Across America Day and urge our residents to *Remember*, *Honor* and *Teach* for those that sacrificed to protect our freedoms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

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

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Mayor, Ivins City
December 7, 2023