



PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING

Kent Jones

**FOR 24 1/2 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF
SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH**

Whereas, Kent Jones was born to Howard and LuGene Jones of Henefer, Utah, where he grew up and graduated from North Summit High School. He participated and excelled in football, basketball, and track. Kent won the BYU Invitational in the high jump and took state in the 880 relay; and

Whereas, Kent married Linda Homer in 1972 and they became the proud parents of 3 girls and 2 boys, which has now turned into 23 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Second to his family, Kent's racehorses are his love in life; and

Whereas, Kent joined the Air Force from 1971 to 1976, where he served 2 years of active duty and the remaining time in the reserves; and

Whereas, Kent served as the Summit County Clerk from 1993-2002, and 2007-2021, where his cowboy boots were a mainstay around the County Courthouse and could be heard thumping up and down the halls on election night; and

Whereas, Summit County was founded in 1861, and prior to Kent becoming the County Clerk, had passed 216 ordinances. During Kent's time in office an astounding 707 additional ordinances were passed; and

Whereas, Kent was the first person in the County Courthouse to get a computer with Internet access; and

Whereas, during his tenure, Kent oversaw the evolution of elections from punch cards to electronic voting machines to vote by mail. He also championed for same day voter registration and fought to protect everyone's right to vote. Additionally, business licenses, another function of the County Clerk's Office, are now applied for and managed entirely online; and

Whereas, Kent witnessed the change in the form of County government from a Commission to a Council-Manager structure and boldly claims he has sat through far too many council meetings; and

Whereas, Kent is generally good natured and patient, but if pushed too far, he does not care if you are standing there in your birthday suit - you still need a license!; and

Whereas, Kent was known as a leader among his peers and was actively involved with the state legislature and in the County Clerk's Affiliate of the Utah Association of Counties (UAC), where he served as the President twice. Kent also served on the UAC Board of Directors; and

Whereas, in retirement, Kent looks forward to never having to pay attention to what legislators are saying or doing ever again; and

Whereas, Kent was always up for telling a good story and loved to take time out of his day to teach kids about the history of Summit County. He enjoyed showing them historical records, including the book that has the handwritten names of every elected official that has served Summit County; and

Whereas, Kent loves Summit County and is grateful for the trust voters put in him to be the County Clerk for 24 and ½ years. Kent will spend his retirement attending his grandchildren's sporting events, pushing dirt around with his dozer, camping up Grass Creek, watching his horses race, and travelling with his wife Linda.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Summit County Council does hereby recognize the retirement of Kent Jones, honors his 24 and ½ years of dedication to Summit County as the County Clerk, and thanks him for his commitment to carrying out the duties of his office, administering fair and transparent elections, and for his tireless efforts to making Summit County an all-around better place for those who live and visit here.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April 2021, BY THE SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

Glenn Wright, Chair

Christopher F. Robinson, Vice Chair

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Roger Armstrong

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