



Proclamation No. 2017-8

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING NOVEMBER 17, 2017**

**“Sterling Banks Day”**

**SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH**

**Whereas**, Sterling Banks is a renowned member and resident of Summit County who has left a distinguished impression on youth and adults alike who have participated in agriculture programs in Summit County over the past 36 ½ years.

**Whereas**, Sterling grew up on a ranch west of Spanish Fork, Utah where he was a 9-year 4-H member and showed steers in the Jr. Livestock Program, including Utah State Jr. Livestock Show and Uinta Jr. Livestock Show, and he showed several Grand Champion Steers.

**Whereas**, Sterling graduated from Spanish Fork High School in 1976, and then completed a BS degree in Agricultural Education from Utah State University before taking a sabbatical for a year from Summit County Extension to finish his Masters degree in 1984.

**Whereas**, in June 1981, Sterling was hired on at the Summit County Extension’s Office as the Agriculture/4-H Youth Agent.

**Whereas**, Sterling married Mary Ann Banks in December 1981, and they have three children: Tiffany Farnsworth, Audrey Webb and Travis Banks.

**Whereas**, over the past 36½ years, Sterling has created the Summit County Stockyards, helped with increasing market livestock to where it is today, started the Master Gardener Program in Summit and Wasatch Counties and helped bring the Summit County Weed Program to where it is today.

**Whereas**, Sterling is an accomplished Livestock Judge, having judged 150+ Jr. Livestock Shows in several states.

**Whereas**, Sterling has played an integral role in growing the Summit County Jr. Livestock Show/Sale from one of the smallest in the state to one of the largest, now boasting the highest average price per animal in Utah and featuring one of the largest grossing Jr. Livestock Shows in the state.

**Whereas**, Sterling has developed a reputation in the Extension’s Office for being able to answer every question raised, whether it be farm-related, weed issues or gardening questions.

**Whereas**, Sterling embodies the spirit of being a true professional, known for being honest and speaking his mind, but also showing appreciation, expertise, and intelligence while being a cool guy, assertive, fair, loyal, consistent, dependable, and a mentor.

**Now, therefore**, be it resolved that the Summit County Council, does hereby proclaim November 17, 2017 as Sterling Banks Day and encourages Summit County citizens to remember Sterling’s positive impacts on our community, reflect on his role as a leader in the agriculture community and honor his memory on the day we celebrate his life.

ATTEST:

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.  
SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL  
SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH

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Kent Jones, County Clerk

By:

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Chris Robinson, Chair