

RESOLUTION NO. _____

DATE: _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
CALLING ON UTAH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER NATALIE CLINE TO
RESIGN

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County deploras the bullying of our children in any form, especially when the bullying of a child is done by an adult, and even more so when the adult is an elected official who is held to a higher standard of public accountability; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 6, 2024, Utah State School Board of Education Member Natalie Cline used social media to post a photo of a Utah girls high school basketball player and falsely implied that the student athlete in the photo was not female; and

WHEREAS, Board Member Cline’s post and the comments that it encouraged were reckless and cruel, and resulted in online vitriol and threats that put that student, her team, her school, and her community in danger; and

WHEREAS, this incident is not the first time Board Member Cline has made false, inflammatory, divisive, and unfair social media posts about our public schools, students, and teachers, for which she has been reprimanded by her board; and

WHEREAS, Board Member Cline’s post targeted Salt Lake County high school students attending schools in the Granite School District; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County shares the hurt felt by students, parents, and educators in the Granite School District community, which is very much also Salt Lake County’s community; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 9, 2024, the Granite School Board of Education, in an overwhelming vote, approved a resolution calling on “colleagues from school boards throughout

the state and other elected officials to join us in demanding Board Member Cline’s immediate resignation from the State Board of Education”; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County desires to send a formal message of love and support to the targeted young woman athlete, her family, her team, her school, our school district, and any others who may feel hurt or grief from Board Member Cline’s online actions;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Salt Lake County Council, acting as the legislative body for Salt Lake County, that the Council joins the Granite School District Board of Education and other state and local elected officials in demanding Utah State Board of Education Member Natalie Cline’s immediate resignation from the Utah State Board of Education.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Laurie Stringham, Chair

ATTEST:

Lannie Chapman
Salt Lake County Clerk

REVIEWED AS TO FORM

Deputy District Attorney Date

Council Member Alvord voting _____
Council Member Bradley voting _____
Council Member Bradshaw voting _____
Council Member Granato voting _____
Council Member Harrison voting _____
Council Member Stewart voting _____
Council Member Stringham voting _____
Council Member Theodore voting _____
Council Member Winder Newton voting _____