

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL SUPPORTING  
EFFORTS TO PRESERVE THE GREAT SALT LAKE

WHEREAS, the Great Salt Lake is a treasured natural resource; and

WHEREAS, the Great Salt Lake is a world class refuge for shore and migratory birds;

and

WHEREAS, the Great Salt Lake is an important source of minerals and fertilizer; and

WHEREAS, the Great Salt Lake is one of the few places on earth that is available for the  
harvesting of brine shrimp; and

WHEREAS, in recent years the Great Salt Lake has lost significant volume and is  
currently at a historically low level; and

WHEREAS, the Great Salt Lake is noted for its impact on “lake effect” snows which are  
a vital part of area weather patterns that include increased snow yields and helps to produce “The  
Greatest Snow on Earth” for Utah’s ski industry, and which also contribute to the county’s  
watershed; and

WHEREAS, the receding waters of the Great Salt Lake endanger migratory bird habitat,  
mineral extraction and brine shrimp industries, and the quality of life of County residents; and

WHEREAS, the lakebed exposed by the receding waters creates the potential for dust  
storms to carry mercury, cadmium, and other toxic heavy metals into the airshed of the Wasatch  
Front, further degrading the environment and posing a public health hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Utah Legislature and Governor Spencer Cox have recognized these  
concerns by passing and signing House Bill 410, which law creates a water trust for the Great  
Salt Lake and appropriates \$40 million for its preservation; and

WHEREAS, Utah’s congressional delegation has sponsored legislation and appropriated \$10 million to study the problems associated with the Great Salt Lake and propose solutions; and

WHEREAS, state leaders have held and will continue to hold summits on the Great Salt Lake in order to find solutions, and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council finds that there are serious concerns with the depletion of the Great Salt Lake, and

WHEREAS, the County Council believes that Salt Lake County should act in concert with the state and federal governments in this matter;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Salt Lake County Council pledges to work with State of Utah and the United States federal government to find policy solutions that will preserve the Great Salt Lake as the precious natural resource that it is; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Salt Lake County Council, acting as legislative body for Salt Lake County, intends to use its budgetary and policymaking authority in full support of this effort.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Laurie Stringham, Chair

ATTEST:

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Sherrie Swensen  
Salt Lake County Clerk

REVIEWED AS TO FORM

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Chief Deputy District Attorney      Date

Council Member Alvord voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Bradley voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Bradshaw voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member DeBry voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Granato voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Snelgrove voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Stringham voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Theodore voting \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Member Winder Newton voting \_\_\_\_\_