

## ***A Resolution Honoring LeRoy W. Hooton, Jr.***

- WHEREAS, *The Salt Lake City Public Utilities Department has proudly served Salt Lake City since 1876; and*
- WHEREAS, *LeRoy W. Hooton, Jr. began his work experience in 1958 and worked his way through the ranks to the position of Department Director, where his service has been highlighted by responsible financial stewardship of taxpayer's money in managing three utility funds with operating budgets totaling nearly \$55 million and overseeing over 390 staff members; and*
- WHEREAS, *In LeRoy's role as Director, he built and maintained strong trusting relationships with his staff and others through his kind and respectful leadership style and fair treatment; and*
- WHEREAS, *The elected officials of Salt Lake City greatly rely upon LeRoy's expertise, wisdom, historical knowledge, and integrity of good stewardship to advise them on critical decisions; and*
- WHEREAS, *LeRoy's personal efforts and vision have contributed greatly to the development of a highly responsible and conscionable approach for the delivery of utility services to the City's water and sewer utility services, and having implemented the components that supported his vision during his tenure of department leadership; and*
- WHEREAS, *Among LeRoy's numerous achievements is the development and implementation of the 20-year Wastewater Facilities Plan, allowing Salt Lake City to meet its environmental obligations in a fiscally responsible manner, and serving as the blueprint for the City's utilities; and*
- WHEREAS, *Improvements to the wastewater treatment plant implemented under his direction created an award winning facility which meets or exceeds national criteria, having earned the department recognition and multiple honors and awards; and*
- WHEREAS, *LeRoy's vision led the development of the Watershed Protection Program, the Canyon Watershed Master Plan, and the Water Rights and Watershed Property Purchase Fund, thereby acquiring and protecting over 1,500 acres of prime watershed property for Salt Lake City water customers; and*
- WHEREAS, *LeRoy's efforts have contributed to the positive outcome of many important regional water issues and the efficient delivery of water within Salt Lake County; and*
- WHEREAS, *LeRoy's actions have contributed to the assurance that Salt Lake City will have a firm water supply to the year 2025 and beyond, among them specifically his participation on the Central Utah and Little Dell Projects, his role as director on the Central Utah Water Conservancy District Board of Directors to achieve the Supplemental Repayment election of 1985, his part in the successful acquisition of two major irrigation companies thereby gaining their water rights in Big and Little Cottonwood creeks, in negotiation of an Interlocal Agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy, Sandy City and Salt Lake City which allowed the implementation of the \$250 million Metropolitan Water Master Plan and its construction the Point of the Mountain Water Treatment Plant and Aqueduct, and his part in ushering an Interlocal Agreement that guarantees Salt Lake City a preferential right to 3,000 acre-feet of Central Utah Project ULS water supply; and*

WHEREAS, *LeRoy has fostered a proactive approach to facility and infrastructure maintenance and improvements, and planning for delivery capacity to the City's service area and the Northwest Quadrant; and*

WHEREAS, *LeRoy has managed the growth and change of the City's physical facilities, infrastructure, and personnel along with interactions and relationships with valley agencies to achieve better coordination and control; and following a distinguished 49 year career with the City including 27 years as a City leader, and having placed a visionary thumbprint on the future of City utilities, and now choosing to culminate his highly accomplished and respected career with retirement.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

*that the Salt Lake City Council recognizes LeRoy W. Hooton, Jr. for his service, professionalism, and dedication to Salt Lake City and its residents. We recognize the many sacrifices he has made on behalf of his employees and the residents of our City. We extend our very best wishes and congratulations on this occasion of his well-deserved retirement as Public Utilities Director, and wish him continued success and happiness in the future.*

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