

A RESOLUTION HONORING KAY REES

WHEREAS Kay Rees and her husband, Dr. Vincent Rees, lived in the avenues for over 55 years and were among the first residents of the upper avenues; and

WHEREAS, Kay Rees and her husband, Dr. Vincent Rees, have devoted years of service to their community; and

WHEREAS Kay Rees, because of her devotion to children, families and the community, envisioned the abandoned gravel pit behind their home as a playground for children; and

WHEREAS In 1960, Kay Rees gained the support of City officials to level and seed the field to transform it to a grassy playground for neighborhood children to enjoy; and

WHEREAS Kay Rees worked diligently to transform the gravel pit to the grassy field, that affectionately became known over the years by the neighborhood kids, as "the flat;" and

WHEREAS Kay Rees envisioned that "the flat" would provide countless hours of healthy outdoor recreation for neighborhood children; and

WHEREAS Kay Rees' vision and perseverance in creating "the flat" has allowed the space to be used by the community for over 46 years; and

WHEREAS Kay Rees has enjoyed seeing and hearing the children play and practice many team sports at "the flat" over the years; and

WHEREAS Kay Rees had the incredible foresight to create an open green space that community families enjoy to this day; and

WHEREAS, *The Greater Avenues Community Council unanimously voted to request that Salt Lake City name the park located at 14th Avenue and H Street as Kay Rees Park;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

that the Salt Lake City Mayor and the Salt Lake City Council recognize the service that Kay Rees provided to her community and the great impact which she had on residents of the Avenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the Salt Lake City Mayor and the Salt Lake City Council are pleased to honor Kay Rees by naming the park located at 14th Avenue and H Street as Kay Rees Park.

*Ralph Becker
Salt Lake City Mayor*

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Salt Lake City Council Member, Chair*

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Salt Lake City Council Member, Vice Chair*

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