



Proclamation No. 2020-13

PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
Kim Carson
FOR 8 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL
SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH

Whereas, Kim Carson was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio and graduated Cum Laude from the University of Utah with a degree in Organizational Communications after transferring there from the Ohio University; and

Whereas, Kim met her partner, Bob Carson, through mutual friends while finishing her degree at the University of Utah and married him in 1986 in Salt Lake City; and

Whereas, Kim and Bob made Summit County their home over 30 years ago and raised their two children here, Jenny Louise Carson, now a pediatric hospice nurse in Denver, Colorado, and Robert Scott Carson (Scott), lead programmer for a small bio mechanical engineering company also in Denver, Colorado; and

Whereas, Kim was sworn in as a member of the Summit County Council in 2013 after serving two terms on the Park City Board of Education, and four years as Board President; and

Whereas, prior to joining the Summit County Council, Kim spent a career in corporate sales and training, which took her all over the state, and served as Executive Director of the Park City Education Foundation; and

Whereas, only one year into her first term, Kim was diagnosed with triple negative Breast Cancer and was out front with the diagnosis and treatment, continuing to serve Summit County; and

Whereas, as a County Councilmember, Kim served on many boards and commissions, including the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) Board of Directors, Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group, Summit County Board of Health, Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) Executive Council, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Ratings and Rankings Committee, Summit County Mental Wellness Alliance, Joint Transit Advisory Board (JTAB), Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District Advisory Committee, and the state's prestigious Third Judicial District Nominating Commission; and

Whereas, Kim's leadership in representing the Council on these boards and commissions has been a mainstay of her tenure as a Council member, particularly her role on the Board of Health and as the driving force for shaping critical relationships with external partners, such as UAC, the state legislature, and MAG; and

Whereas, during her eight years on the Council, Kim has made countless contributions to the Summit County Community, including working on the animal control code and County's leash laws, spearheading the monumental stakeholder and consensus building effort to develop a proposal for Congressman Rob Bishop's Public Lands Initiative (PLI), and establishing a working group with members from the state, Morgan County, and Summit County to address safety and recreation on the Weber River; and

Whereas, some of public policy issues and areas on which Kim focused her time and attention were mental and behavioral health; Drug Court and the participants whose stories she took to heart and celebrated at their graduation; open space, recreation and trails that make Summit County the beautiful place it is to live, work and play; public health and the professionals in this Department long before the COVID-19 pandemic; and the state legislature with weekly trips to the Capitol when in session to find common ground with lawmakers and lobby on behalf of the County; and

Whereas, Kim exhibited a true love for learning about all the things that happen in the County from water to waste, roads to weeds, agriculture, rodeos and demolition derbies, and most importantly, the County employees and volunteers that work in these areas and contribute so much to the place we all live; and

Whereas, Kim has been the conscience of the Council, keeping everyone straight on the details of government, and as Council Chair, set the standard for running thorough and efficient meetings, artfully balancing the needs of the public, staff time, and Council deliberations; and

Whereas, as she leaves the Council, Kim’s colleagues and Summit County staff will remember her as a calming voice in the midst of conflict and controversy, as the Council member who was always thoroughly prepared for everything, a fierce advocate for women in the workplace and in political and appointed office, the leader who remembered everyone’s birthday and special life events, and always thanked/recognized the staff for their hard work and accomplishments; and

Whereas, Kim has expressed that it is the variety of people and what they bring to this place she has chosen to live for the last 33 years of which she is most proud and the opportunity elected office afforded her to meet them all – east county, west county, Kamas, Coalville, Park City, where folks were from did not matter to Kim; it was more about where they were going and how they contributed to the place they live, their families and their history; and

Whereas, Kim cares very little about holding a position of power but she cares very much about treating all people with respect and truly listening to them, holding these beliefs as much today as when she was first elected eight years ago; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Summit County Council does hereby recognize Kim Carson for her eight years of service on the Summit County Council, and thanks her for her tireless efforts to improve the health, safety and welfare of the community, and celebrates her commitment to making Summit County an all-around better place for those who live and visit here.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of December 2020.
SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

Doug Clyde, Chair

Christopher Robinson

Glenn Wright, Vice Chair

Roger Armstrong

Kent Jones, Clerk