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## Fwd: Request for Letter of Support from the San Juan County Commission Re: Lawrence Welk Show 70th Anniversary

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Sincerely,

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From: **Scott Wheeler** <[wheelerscott77@yahoo.com](mailto:wheelerscott77@yahoo.com)>

Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2026 at 1:54 PM

Subject: Request for Letter of Support from the San Juan County Commission Re: Lawrence Welk Show 70th Anniversary

To: [mmcdonald@sanjuancountyut.gov](mailto:mmcdonald@sanjuancountyut.gov) <[mmcdonald@sanjuancountyut.gov](mailto:mmcdonald@sanjuancountyut.gov)>

Hello,

My name is Scott Wheeler, I am 37, live in Tallahassee, Florida and would like to see if it is possible to have an item placed on the agenda for an upcoming county commission meeting: to request a letter of support for my project regarding Lawrence Welk. Welk was a longtime national television and musical celebrity known among other things for patriotism, family friendly entertainment, his show's performance of music from a variety of genres, including Country, Polka, Jazz, and Patriotic, and he performed at a 1957 Presidential inaugural ball for President Dwight D. Eisenhower. This year is the 70th Anniversary of "The Lawrence Welk Show"'s national debut (July 2, 1955), its original run was more than 25 years, and repeats shown to this day in many states across America.

Since beginning in January 2025, there have been letters of support/proclamations/resolutions approved by 78 county commissions/equivalents across 17 states (ND, SD, KS, MN, IA, MI, OH, PA, WV, MD, NH, ME, FL, NC, SC, AL, MS) in some way commemorating the anniversary from former Congressman Collin Peterson who was chairman of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee, the respective native counties of Lawrence Welk (Emmons County, ND), his wife Fern (Morton County, ND), and Myron Floren (Day County, SD) as well as Floren's hometown of Roslyn, the city (Abilene, Kansas) and county where President Eisenhower grew up, (Dickinson, KS) the Agriculture Department and Division of Performing Arts respectively at North Dakota State University, the National FFA Organization, the Northharvest Bean Growers Association, and other organizations. Myron Floren, one of the show's biggest stars performed in the USO during World War II and was honored by the Future Farmers of America (FFA) in 1971.

I care about this in part because I am the third generation in my family to watch the show as my mother grew up watching it in Pennsylvania my grandfather, and I have had many opportunities to watch repeats here in Florida. When she would watch the show, sometimes when the tap dancer Arthur Duncan performed, she would go in the kitchen and pretend to tap dance. On my father's side by way of his parents (he was born in Florida), I have Midwestern heritage and my grandmother on that side grew up on a farm in Juda, Wisconsin. In addition to enjoying the variety of music on the show, it's an impressive feat that the show was on television more than a quarter century originally, and then over 40 years later repeats are still shown in many states; a national treasure.

Please find below draft letter of support and proclamation text that can be modified if desired (only requesting one or the other), and I am happy call into a meeting whether by phone or video to be available to try to answer any questions anyone may have (this is optional).When I started, the focus was on honoring Lawrence Welk and Myron Floren during the 70th Anniversary, but I decided later this could be a great opportunity to include the cast overall as well. If you have any questions please let me know.

I am happy to provide letters, resolutions, etc so far received. Please know I am not requesting any money from the commission. Ultimately, the goal is national, I am reaching out to all 50 states and believe for these and other reasons it would be both relevant and an honor if I could include San Juan County, Utah as a valued part of this nationwide goal in America's 250th year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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