RESOLUTION R2023-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH, PROCLAIMING JANUARY 16, 2023 AS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY IN THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 1992 set aside January 16th as "Religious Freedom Day" to honor the passage of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom in 1786; and

WHEREAS, Religious Freedom Day has been recognized by presidential and State proclamations annually; and

WHEREAS, many of the first immigrants to our nation came to these shores motivated by their desire for religious liberty so that they could worship according to the dictates of their own consciences and our forefathers saw fit to protect and support freedom of religion by establishing it in the first amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, those of faith, and those of no faith, have common goals of unity, love, service, mutual civility, and a desire to live true to belief and conscience; and

WHEREAS, we seek mutual respect and fairness to all; and

WHEREAS, the right to exercise one's own individual conscience is a critical and essential element in the fabric of American culture and history which serves as a beacon of freedom in the world and we recognize ones faith is core to an individual's identity and humanity; and

WHEREAS, we invite others to defend freedom of religion, including the long standing Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH:

SECTION 1. The City Council recognizes the religious freedom of all residents of the City of South Jordan, commemorates the enactment of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on January 16, 1786, and declares January 16th each year as "Religious Freedom Day" in the City of South Jordan.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

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		YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
	Patrick Harris Bradley Marlor Donald Shelton Tamara Zander Jason McGuire				
Mayor:		Attest: City Recorder			
Approved as to for	rm:				
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Office of the City A	Attorney				