

UTAH PTA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Utah Parent Teacher Association (Utah PTA) has led locally, regionally, and nationally in supporting family engagement and advocating on behalf of all children and families; and this centennial year provides an opportunity to reflect on its many accomplishments and celebrate 100 years as a powerful voice for children, a trusted resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education; and

WHEREAS, Utah PTA has been instrumental in establishing programs and services that improve children’s lives, including—but not limited to—defending public education and ensuring stable funding by opposing voucher efforts, advancing parent and family engagement, creating kindergarten with full day options, promoting child-labor laws and public-health services, supporting hot-and-healthy lunch programs, strengthening the juvenile-justice system, protecting and ensuring growth of Public Trust Lands that benefit Utah school children, promoting arts in education, and championing school safety; and

WHEREAS, The founders of the Parent Teacher Association, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, together with Selena Sloan Butler, founder of Georgia’s Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, were visionary women of imagination and courage who broke through the barriers of their time to improve the lives of children and families, leaving a legacy that continues to inspire action today; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable leaders shared a simple yet profound idea—to improve the lives and futures of all children; and though our nation has changed, that vision endures as PTAs continue to keep it alive; and

WHEREAS, Founded in Washington, D.C., as the National Congress of Mothers, the Parent Teacher Association marked its 128th anniversary on February 17, 2025; and since its inception in 1897, the organization has steadfastly advocated for the education, health, safety, and well-being of all children, earning the appreciation and recognition of the public; and

WHEREAS, In October 1925, at the annual convention of the Utah Education Association, Margaretta Reeves, President of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, officially invited the Utah Mother’s Congress to join the national organization. Accepting this invitation, Utah became the Utah Congress of Parents and Teachers, with Lucille Young Reid as its first President—marking a new era of parent and family engagement in Utah; and

WHEREAS, Today, Utah PTA is the largest volunteer child-advocacy organization in Utah, uniting parents, caregivers, grandparents, educators, and other caring adults in a shared mission to make every child’s potential a reality; and

WHEREAS, For a century, Utah PTA has left a lasting impact on schools, families, and communities across the state by fostering leadership, empowering voices, and ensuring that generations of children have benefited from stronger educational opportunities, healthier environments, and a greater sense of belonging; now, therefore, be it

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dawn R. Ramsey Mayor of the City of South Jordan, Utah, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as **Utah PTA Centennial Celebration Month**, and I encourage all Utah residents to join in celebrating this milestone and to support PTA by joining a local PTA or PTSA in reaffirmation of the commitment to *Make Every Child’s Potential a Reality*.

Signed this 7th day of October, 2025

Dawn R. Ramsey, Mayor

Anna Crookston, City Recorder