

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS The Mountain Partnership is bringing countries, cities, groups, and organizations together to work towards a common goal: to improve the lives of mountain people and protect mountain environments around the world; and

WHEREAS The Mountain Partnership intends to benefit all members through joint efforts with the United Nations to create a dialogue on progress and new ideas between Mountain Communities; and

WHEREAS the City of Orem is interested in learning about the environments, needs, and cultures of other communities and recognizes mountain communities play a vital role in the world's culture and economy and have ecological systems that provide large quantities of potential resources ranging from forestry, agriculture, rich biological diversity, great areas of recreation, tourism and social heritage for the rest of the world; and

WHEREAS the City of Orem and other communities with mountain climates can share both knowledge and historical data about development and industry; and

WHEREAS The Mountain Partnership has a close working relationship with Utah Valley University located within the City of Orem, which was recognized by the Secretary General of the UN for its efforts for sustainable development through the *Orem Declaration of Mountain Women*, and that this relationship will allow City officials, staff, and community members to interact with scholars and professionals to create lasting relationships with those who are working to address issues and problems specific to people who live in mountain regions.

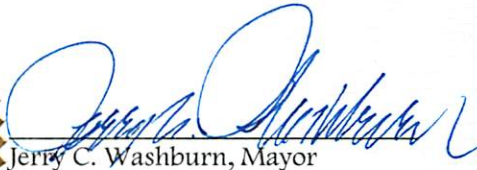
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jerry Washburn, Mayor of the City of Orem, do hereby declare Orem a member of

THE MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP

and call upon the residents of Orem to work together with other members worldwide on promoting cooperation between mountain communities with the overall goal to create new development activities and enhance traditional or alternative opportunities that will help conserve mountain environments and improve the livelihoods of mountain people.

Dated this 28th day of FEBRUARY 2011




Jerry C. Washburn, Mayor

ATTEST:


Donna R. Weaver, City Recorder