



**Ralph Becker**

**Mayor**

*WHEREAS, the Mountain Partnership brings countries, cities, groups and organizations together to work toward a common goal to improve the lives of mountain people and protect mountain environments around the world; and*

*WHEREAS, the Mountain Partnership works to contribute ideas with the intention to benefit all members through joint efforts with the United Nations and create a dialogue on progress and new ideas between mountain communities; and*

*WHEREAS, Salt Lake City 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 cultures and economies; and*

*WHEREAS, the ecological systems of mountain communities provide large quantities of potential resources ranging from forestry, agriculture, rich biological diversity, areas for recreation, tourism, and social heritage for the rest of the world; and*

*WHEREAS, Salt Lake City and other communities with mountain climates can share both knowledge and historical data about development and industry; and*

*WHEREAS, Salt Lake City can serve as an example of how to achieve sustainable mountain growth and contribute greatly to the members of the Mountain Partnership; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph Becker, Mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby declare Salt Lake City a member of*

**THE MOUNTAIN PARTNERSHIP**

*and call upon all residents to lend their support to the people of the world's mountain communities by joining together to share knowledge and expertise about critical issues such as water, infrastructure, industry, education, and social services and participate in relevant initiatives.*

Dated 14 of February, 2011

MAYOR