

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING UTAH DINE BIKEYAH'S 2023 BEARS EARS SUMMER CELEBRATION

Whereas, the Town of Bluff (ToB), a Utah municipality, and Utah Dine Bikeyah (UDB) a 501(c)3, entered into a partnership in 2021 to acquire and develop the former Bluff Elementary School; and

Whereas, the partnership is ongoing with the renaming of the building the "Cooperative Cultural Center" with the mission of rejuvenation of the jointly owned building, operationalizing a model working relationship between a local government and an Indigenous-led non-profit, and supporting each others common goals; and

Whereas, UDB sponsors an annual "Bears Ears Summer Gathering" to bring together Indigenous communities of the greater Bears Ears Region to pay homage to the landscape that has been memorialized by her descendants' prayers, traditions and ceremonies; and

Whereas, Bears Ears has always shown her love by providing the people with iina; food, medicine, hunting and protection; and

Whereas, the ToB resolves to support its partner UDB and all Indigenous people in this gathering through both in-kind contributions by the Council on behalf of the community-at-large and through private financial contributions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Town Council of Bluff supports Utah Dine Bikeyah's Ninth Annual Bears Ears Summer Gathering scheduled for the weekend of July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

APPROVED BY THE BLUFF TOWN COUNCIL, BLUFF UTAH ON THIS 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Town Council Member Hook	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Town Council Member Leppanen	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Town Council Member Murray	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Town Council Member Sayers	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Town Council Member Sosa	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

Mayor: AK 7/18/2023

Ann K. Leppanen

Attest: Linda Sosa 7-18-23

Town Recorder Sosa