

RESOLUTION NO. R-2023-0033

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREM, UTAH,
ADOPTING A CITY SEAL.

WHEREAS, the City of Orem is currently constructing a new City Hall building; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orem staff and City Council are taking efforts to update, refresh, and renew City images, logos, branding and other documents, in anticipation of the new City Hall building; and

WHEREAS, The City Council adopted an official flag for the City of Orem in July 2023, in R-2023-0023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council renamed its annual summer celebration "Oremfest" in May 2023, in O-2023-0009; and

WHEREAS, City staff has found no records indicating that a City Seal has ever been adopted, by resolution or ordinance, by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council resolved to display the national motto, "In God We Trust", in the City Council Chambers; and

WHEREAS, the City engaged Brooks Advertising to create a design for a new City Seal; and

WHEREAS, the design for a new City Seal will incorporate the City logo, the City slogan "Family City U.S.A.", the date of establishment, and the national motto, "In God We Trust"; and

WHEREAS, the City, in the inclusion and adoption of the national motto in the City Seal, seeks to foster patriotism and recognizes the historical use of the motto and phrase, "In God We Trust"; and

WHEREAS, the history of the national motto can be traced to the penning of the poem "Defence of Fort McHenry" in 1814, by Francis Scott Key, wherein it states "And this be our motto – In God is our trust!"; and

WHEREAS, this poem was renamed "The Star-Spangled Banner", and in the 1890s, the United States Navy and Army made "The Star-Spangled Banner" an official song; and

WHEREAS, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem for the military in 1916; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted legislation making "The Star-Spangled Banner" the national anthem in 1931; and

WHEREAS, “In God We Trust” became the United States national motto on July 30, 1956, after the United States led the world through the trauma of World War II; and

WHEREAS, the national motto is of a “patriotic or ceremonial character” and courts have held that it is of a secular nature and not “governmental sponsorship of a religious exercise”; and

WHEREAS, this motto has been displayed on the currency of the United States of America for over one hundred and fifty years (since 1864); and

WHEREAS, the same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate Chamber, as well as above the Speaker’s dais in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2011, the United States House of Representatives reaffirmed “In God We Trust” as the official motto of the United States, supporting and encouraging the public display of the national motto in all public buildings, public schools, and other government institutions; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Utah State Legislature adopted the requirement that the national motto, “In God We Trust”, be displayed in one or more prominent places within each public-school building; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Utah State Legislature designated the “In God We Trust” license plate as one of the standard issue license plates available for residents of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the City further recognizes that a general reference to divine is found in each of the 50 state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Constitution acknowledges gratitude to “Almighty God for life and liberty”; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to include the phrase “In God We Trust”, to convey a sense of formality and solemnity; and

WHEREAS, almost every president’s inaugural address has contained references to the divine, and inclusions of religious texts; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court session is called to order, in part, with the phrase, “God save the United States and this Honorable Court”; and

WHEREAS, governmental meetings often begin with a recitation of the United States Pledge of Allegiance, which contains the reference, “under God”; and

WHEREAS, the City further includes the national motto to express confidence in the future and the community; and

WHEREAS, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the historic role of religion in society and founding of the United States, western expansion, and especially the founding of the State of Utah and the City of Orem; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to include the national motto in the City's Seal to solemnize public business, foster patriotism, and express confidence in the future and our society.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt the Seal design shown in Exhibit "A" as the official City Seal of the City of Orem

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OREM, UTAH, as follows:

1. The City Council hereby adopts the City Seal design shown in Exhibit "A", as the official City Seal of the City Orem. Exhibit "A" is attached hereto and by reference is made a part hereof.
2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.
3. All other resolutions and policies in conflict herewith, either in whole or in part, are hereby repealed.

PASSED and APPROVED this 12 day of December, 2023.


David A. Young, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa McKittrick, City Recorder



COUNCILMEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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Jeff Lambson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Debby Lauret	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Macdonald	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LaNae Millett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Terry Peterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
David Spencer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

EXHIBIT "A"



