

ASSA SSC: PARENTHOOD

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ABSTRACT

February is designated National Parent Leadership Month, aligning with a nationwide initiative to honor parents dedicated to enhancing the well-being of their families and communities. This observance, initiated by Parents Anonymous®, acknowledges parents who actively engage in local, state, and national efforts, collaborating with program staff and contributing to family strengthening and child abuse prevention.

The proclamation emphasizes the importance of recognizing parents' wisdom and contributions year-round, highlighting that effective parent leadership involves acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary to influence the direction of their families, programs, and communities. By publicly sharing their experiences, parents significantly impact families everywhere. The proclamation also underscores parents' unalienable right to participate in the political process on behalf of their children, affirming their primary role in their upbringing and education. Through this declaration, numerous state and local entities, such as the Town of Leeds, commit to celebrating and supporting parent leadership, reinforcing the vital role parents play in fostering strong, healthy communities.

PROCLAMATION

TOWN OF LEEDS, UTAH

WHEREAS, communities across the country honor and celebrate parents throughout the month of February, which has been designated National Parent Leadership Month; and

WHEREAS, National Parent Leadership Month was initiated by Parents Anonymous® as an opportunity to show appreciation for parents who work to improve the lives of their families, neighbors, and communities; and

WHEREAS, parents do this work by lending their voice to local, state, and national initiatives and partnering with the staff of programs in which they participate; and

WHEREAS, parents are a vital resource in family strengthening and child abuse prevention efforts, and acknowledging their wisdom and contributions is essential not only in February, but all year; and

WHEREAS, meaningful parent leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in meaningful leadership roles and present a “parent voice” to help shape the direction of their families, programs and communities; and

WHEREAS, the power of parents speaking publicly about their experiences has made, and will continue to make, an impact on the lives of families everywhere; and

WHEREAS, as primary stakeholders, parents are responsible for what and how their children are taught, and how they are brought up; and

WHEREAS, being responsible, parents have the unalienable right to participate in the political process on behalf of the children.

NOW THEREFORE, I Bill Hoster, Mayor of the Town of Leeds, and on behalf of the Leeds Town Council, do hereby proclaim the month of August as National Parent Leadership Month in the Town of Leeds, Utah.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____

_____, Mayor