

TOQUERVILLE CITY

RESOLUTION 2026.XX

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE CHIEF TOQUER RESERVOIR RECREATION AREA TO THE DIVISION OF STATE PARKS

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Washington County Water Conservancy District ("WCWCD") has obtained rights-of-way and lands from the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act ("R&PP Act") for construction of the Chief Toquer Reservoir within the boundaries of Toquerville City; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Chief Toquer Reservoir is municipal and regional water storage and supply, while the R&PP Act also contemplates development of public recreation associated with the reservoir; and

WHEREAS, Toquerville City has historically expressed an interest in participating in the planning, development, operation, and management of the recreational component of the reservoir; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has evaluated the long-term financial, operational, maintenance, and public safety obligations associated with developing and operating this recreation area; and

WHEREAS, The Utah Division of State Parks has expressed its interest in developing, operating, and managing the recreational facilities associated with the Chief Toquer Reservoir as part of the Utah State Park system; and

WHEREAS, The City Council finds that development and long-term management by the Utah Division of State Parks is in the best interests of the residents of Toquerville, the citizens of the State of Utah, and the long-term success of the Chief Toquer Reservoir recreation area because the Division possesses the experience, staffing, operational resources, and financial capacity necessary to develop and operate a recreation destination of statewide significance.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. Toquerville City formally withdraws the City's intent to serve as the developer and operator of the recreational facilities associated with the Chief Toquer Reservoir.
2. The City expresses its full support for the Utah Division of State Parks assuming responsibility for the planning, development, construction, operation, maintenance, and

management of the recreational component of the Chief Toquer Reservoir. The City supports the Washington County Water Conservancy District and the Bureau of Land Management taking such actions as may be necessary under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act to authorize the Utah Division of State Parks to fulfill those responsibilities.

3. The Mayor and City Staff are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Washington County Water Conservancy District, the Utah Division of State Parks, the Bureau of Land Management, and other governmental entities in providing information and undertaking other reasonable actions necessary to assist in the transition of the recreation component to Utah State Parks.
4. The City recognizes that the development of the Chief Toquer Reservoir recreation area will take time and that there may be operational gaps during the transition to full development by the Utah Division of State Parks. The City expresses its willingness to cooperate with the Utah Division of State Parks by providing reasonable interim operational, maintenance, and staffing. Any such assistance shall be subject to the availability of City personnel and resources, and budget appropriations.
5. This Resolution is intended solely as an expression of the City's policy and support for the Utah Division of State Parks to become the entity responsible for development and management of the Chief Toquer Reservoir recreation area.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of July, 2026.

Council Person:

Wayne Olsen	AYE	_____	NAE	_____	ABSTAIN	_____	ABSENT	_____
Joey Campbell	AYE	_____	NAE	_____	ABSTAIN	_____	ABSENT	_____
Todd Sands	AYE	_____	NAE	_____	ABSTAIN	_____	ABSENT	_____
Val Preslar	AYE	_____	NAE	_____	ABSTAIN	_____	ABSENT	_____
Jenny Chamberlain	AYE	_____	NAE	_____	ABSTAIN	_____	ABSENT	_____

TOQUERVILLE CITY
a Utah Municipal Corporation

Attest:

Dan Catlin, Mayor

Emily Teaters, City Recorder