

**ENOCH CITY CORPORATION
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-07-19**

Whereas, Native American residents residing in the South Western regions of the continental United States have used the natural corridors and canyons of Iron County, Utah, for thousands of years as their primary access for trading interior peoples and the Pacific Ocean, creating trails still in evidence today, and

Whereas, the earliest of the Spanish explorers sought to find and use Indian trails for trade between missions in California, entering the unknown regions in search of Christian converts, fame and treasure, leaving evidence of their passing in mines and artifacts found throughout Iron County, Utah, and

Whereas, The first known European explorers searching for a route between Santa Fe New Mexico and Monterey, California, the Dominguez and Escalante Expedition of 1776 documented first entry of European visitors to the Great Basin in general, and Utah in particular, and were the first persons known to have documented their travel through Iron County and the area now known as Enoch City, Utah... continuing to chronicle their journey from entry into the Cedar Valley of Iron County via Blue Knoll to Rush Lake, the City of Enoch, Utah, Cedar City, Utah, and Kannarrahtville, Utah, naming the region of Iron County the “Valley Rio del Senor San Jose,” on October 12, 1776, and

Whereas, the Spanish Missions and traders, including slave trading parties, coursed through the State of Utah following the OLD SPANISH TRAIL from Green River to Bear Valley, Iron County Utah, thence through Bear Valley to Little Creek, thence from Little Creek to Red Creek, direct to Parowan, Wynn Canyon, Elk Springs (Johnson Springs today), Iron Springs, Antelope Springs, Newcastle, Holt Canyon, Hamblin, to Mugotsu Canyon, the exit of the Great Basin—and maintained an active trade route with caravans of more than 3000 animals between 1820 and 1851 when the first permanent settlers arrived in Iron County, and

Whereas, Mountain Men, Fur trappers, adventurers and traders exploited the discoveries of the Dominguez/Escalante party and later Spanish traders to establish their own traffic along natural trails through Iron County, bringing such great men as Jed Smith, John C. Fremont, Wm. Wolfskill, Orville Pratt, Pegleg Smith, et al, through Iron County, eventually establishing a formal “California” trail that extended until the arrival of the earliest settlers, following the now explored routes—and whose observations included the discovery of Iron Ore along the Old Spanish Trail in what was soon to become Iron County, Utah, the first iron smelter West of the Mississippi River, and

Whereas, the general East to West roads of Iron County originally were surveyed along the original Old Spanish Trail, and STILL DO FOLLOW the Old Spanish Trail, now being known as Iron County Road 72, Highway 91, Interstate 15, Enoch City’s and Iron

County's "Midvalley Road," through Iron Springs to the Escalante Valley, Antelope Springs, Newcastle, Holt, Hamblin and Highway 31 South, in total nearly 100 miles of existing Iron County Roads coursing some 100 miles of roads either exactly on or closely within the Old Spanish Trail corridor,

Whereas, The Congress of the United States of America has designated the Old Spanish Trail as a National Historic Trail, recognizing the importance of this historical trail through Iron County in the context of our national heritage represented by the trail and its contribution to the expansion and development of the nation toward the Pacific Ocean and California.

It is therefore decreed and stipulated that Midvalley Road within the jurisdiction of the Enoch City Council shall henceforth be designated as the "Spanish Trail Historic Road." Midvalley Road, the Spanish Trail Historic Road through Enoch City, Utah shall, therefore, be established, marked, signed, interpreted and otherwise identified as being subject to promotion, preservation and protection by the residents of Enoch City, Utah in perpetuity as a HISTORIC BYWAY, in association with the Old Spanish Trail National Historic Trail designation by the Congress of the United States of America, and in company with the national Old Spanish Trail Association.

DATED this 19th day of July 2006.

VOTING:

ENOCH CITY CORPORATION

Steven Clarke	Yea___ Nay___
Robert Dotson	Yea___ Nay___
Tyler Garfield	Yea___ Nay___
Justin Gray	Yea___ Nay___
Brent Taylor	Yea___ Nay___

Robert A. Rasmussen, Mayor

ATTEST:

SEAL:

Julie Watson, Recorder