

PROCLAMATION NO. 2022-18

**A PROCLAMATION TO RECOGNIZE AND PRESERVE THE NAME "DIXIE" BY
RENAMING OLD HIGHWAY 91 TO "OLD DIXIE HIGHWAY 91"**

WHEREAS, settlements in Southern Utah began in the mid 1850s by pioneers heading west;

WHEREAS, these settlers began to till the ground, dig ditches, build houses, and plant crops;

WHEREAS, after a decade of such activities the United States was thrown into a Civil War between southern and northern states;

WHEREAS, the availability of cotton was limited, and it became a necessity to attempt to grow cotton anywhere in Utah;

WHEREAS, the Southern Utah climate, water, and soil seemed conducive to growing cotton; attempts were made to successfully grow, harvest, and spin cotton for all kinds of everyday products;

WHEREAS, the area became known as Utah's Dixie through efforts to grow cotton;

WHEREAS, the growth in the area required adequate transportation routes, which first led to simple paths, wagon roads, and eventually highways;

WHEREAS, Highway 91 became the major route into Southern Utah's "Dixie" from the north and west,

WHEREAS, portions of the highway still play a vital role in the transportation system of Southern Utah,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED by the County Commissioners of Washington County, Utah, that to recognize and preserve the name of "Dixie," Old Highway 91 will now be referred to as "Old Dixie Highway 91," and any portions of the highway still being used should be so designated through signs or plaques to commemorate a vital part of Dixie's true history.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION AT
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON THE
18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022.

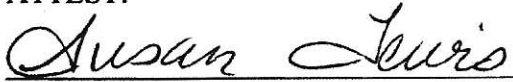
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WASHINGTON COUNTY



VICTOR IVERSON, Chair
Washington County Commission

ATTEST:



Susan Lewis
Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Iverson voted Aye
Commissioner Snow voted Aye
Commissioner Almquist voted Aye

Approved as to Form:


Washington County Attorney
