

# JOINT PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

## RECOGNIZING OGDEN COMMUNITY SUPPORT

WHEREAS Weber Stake Academy began in the heart of downtown Ogden to serve the needs of the city and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS For more than 125 years, Ogden has been a welcoming home to our university and provided the steadfast support required to enable a small religious academy to grow into a public university with more than 26,000 students; and

WHEREAS That support has been made abundantly evident through the years. For instance, through a statewide referendum, Ogden residents led the charge to reverse a 1953 Utah Legislature decision to return Weber College to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Ogden City Council members and Mayor Mike Caldwell have also recently recognized the special relationship with the university through various resolutions; and

WHEREAS Ogden is a great place for students, faculty and staff to live, work and play. Historic 25<sup>th</sup> Street, recently recognized as one of the 10 Great Streets in America by the American Planning Association, offers modern amenities in an amazing historic atmosphere. Downtown Ogden offers movies, restaurants and more entertainment. The foothills are home to the beautiful Bonneville Shoreline Trail and other wonderful outdoor experiences; and

WHEREAS Ogden City has played a major part in revitalizing our town-and-gown partnership through the signing of a College Town charter with the university. The charter has provided a framework for long-term collaboration and has resulted in demonstrable steps forward for the university and city; and

WHEREAS Weber State University would not have reached the great heights that it has without the support of the government, business owners, nonprofits and residents of Ogden.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that President Charles A. Wight and members of the Weber State University Board of Trustees jointly issue a presidential citation recognizing Ogden City leaders, business owners, nonprofits and residents for their unwavering support of Weber State University.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this fourth day of November, 2014.



Charles A. Wight, President, Weber State University

Alan E. Hall, Chair, WSU Board of Trustees