



JOINT PROCLAMATION DECLARING FEBRUARY 2-8, 2020 AS "IDLE-FREE WEEK" IN OGDEN CITY

Action: Adopt joint proclamation

Summary

This joint proclamation declares February 2-8, 2020 as "Idle-Free Week" in Ogden City. This is intended to help our community understand the benefits that come from reducing vehicle idling, unnecessary driving, and other actions that contribute to air pollution.

Council staff is working with Weber-Morgan Health Department, City Administration, Weber State University, Ogden School District, and residents to encourage participation in this effort.

Brian Bennion, the Executive Director of the Weber-Morgan Health Department, will be present to receive the proclamation.

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**DECLARING FEBRUARY 2-8, 2020
“IDLE-FREE WEEK”
IN OGDEN CITY**

WHEREAS, Like many valleys along the Wasatch Front, the physical geography of the Weber Valley where the Ogden area rests is prone to inversion, which results in poor air quality. This threatens our quality of life, and is potentially hazardous to the health, safety, and well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, Vehicle emissions are a significant contributor to air pollution and release harmful pollutants into the air, which can cause and aggravate asthma and other respiratory diseases, especially during times of inversion. A simple method to mitigate poor air quality is to reduce unnecessary idling and driving; and

WHEREAS, There are many opportunities to reduce unnecessary idling, such as not warming up the car in the morning, and turning off a vehicle in a drive-thru, while picking up and dropping off children at school, and while waiting for prolonged periods of time at train crossings and car washes; and

WHEREAS, Vehicle emissions can also be reduced by planning travel ahead of time, consolidating car trips, and using other transportation options. Taking advantage of public transportation, walking, bicycling, and carpooling are options that all help to improve our air quality; and

WHEREAS, Those who reduce unnecessary idling and driving save on fuel costs, conserve energy, and most importantly, contribute to the overall health of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Ogden City Council and Mayor Michael P. Caldwell hereby proclaim February 2-8, 2020 as:

“IDLE-FREE WEEK”

in Ogden City. We appreciate the efforts of our partners Ogden School District, Weber-Morgan Health Department, and Weber State University in helping to bring awareness to this important issue. We encourage residents, businesses, and community groups to join in this and other efforts to reduce unnecessary idling and driving throughout this week and the entire year.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of January 2020.

Angela Choberka, Council Chair

Michael P. Caldwell, Mayor

ATTEST:

Tracy Hansen, City Recorder