

TOWN OF BLUFF RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

A RESOLUTION CREATING AN *AD HOC* SOLAR ECLIPSE PLANNING AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, a total annular solar eclipse is predicted to occur over Bluff on October 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Bluff has been included on several lists of the best locations in Utah and the United States to observe the solar eclipse; and

WHEREAS, Town Council expects an influx of visitors to Bluff to view the solar eclipse, significantly contributing to the local tourism economy and marketing of the community, but also contributing to increased traffic, increased use of resources, congestion, increased demand for fuel and food, and potential delays in emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Town Council believes it to be in the public interest to create an *ad hoc* Solar Eclipse Planning and Emergency Management Committee to consider such issues, serve as the convening body to help organize local planning efforts, and report its findings, conclusions, and proposals to Council; and

WHEREAS, the *ad hoc* Solar Eclipse Planning and Emergency Management Committee will act in an advisory committee to Town Council in setting priorities to ensure that policies related to public safety, public health, traffic control, community events, marketing, and emergency planning are sufficient to address the crowds anticipated to visit Bluff;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLUFF TOWN COUNCIL:

SECTION ONE. Town Council hereby creates the *ad hoc* Solar Eclipse Planning and Emergency Management Committee (the "Solar Eclipse Planning Committee") to review and consider recommendations to ensure that policies related to public safety, public health, traffic control, and emergency planning are sufficient to address the crowds anticipated to visit Bluff on October 14, 2023.

SECTION TWO. The Solar Eclipse Planning Committee shall review the following topics and/or policies as to adoption or revision, or other recommendations:

- Community event planning
- Traffic control
- Crowd control
- Emergency response
- Staging areas
- Emergency communication
- Resource distribution
- Potential resource depletion
- Public health and safety
- Sufficiency of health care services
- And other topics, as necessary

SECTION THREE. The Solar Eclipse Planning Committee will be made up of the following individuals:

Sarah Burak
Kathy Carson
Diana Davidson
Jen Davila
Malyssa Egge
Tim Hamilton
Kerri Harris
Ann Leppanen
Anthony Lott
Erin Nelson
Wes Shook

These members may collaborate with community and governmental organizations to address the issues impacting the Bluff community due to the number of people expected to view the eclipse. The members shall communicate and update the Town Council prior to final decision making and communication to external organizations. These organizations may include, but are not limited to, San Juan County; the Utah Department of Public Safety; the Utah Department of Transportation; the Bureau of Land Management, and the Business Owners of Bluff.


The Town Council shall decide the method of appointing new and replacement members.


SECTION FOUR. The Solar Eclipse Planning Committee will convene by holding an initial virtual meeting on January 18, 2023. Thereafter, the Solar Eclipse Planning Committee shall make periodic reports to Town Council with respect to its findings and conclusions. Town Council anticipates that the Solar Eclipse Planning Committee will conclude its work by October 2023.

SECTION FIVE. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BLUFF, UTAH, ON THIS 17TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2023 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Town Council Member Hook	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Ann Leppanen	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Town Council Member Murray	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Mayor Pro-tem Jim Sayers	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Town Council Member Sosa	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Mayor: 
Mayor Ann K. Leppanen

Attest: 
Town Recorder Linda Sosa

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