

City of Moab A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Moab recognizes that our employees represent the citizens of this community, and it is the duty of our employees to deliver necessary services at the highest level possible; and

WHEREAS, since our incorporation in 1902, the City has provided law enforcement services to protect and serve the citizens of this community by ensuring their civil rights are upheld, their property is protected, and the social contract amongst members of our community is upheld; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moab recognizes that minorities in the United States are much more likely to be subjected to police brutality. According to data compiled by the nonprofit website Mapping Police Violence, African Americans in the U.S. are 2.5 times more likely to be killed by police than Caucasians, and one in 1,000 African American men and boys will be killed by police in their lifetime, compared to 39 out of 100,000 for Caucasian males. Further, Caucasians are more likely to be armed when killed by police. While African Americans make up only 13.4% of the U.S. population, they make up 23.4% of those killed by police; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moab recognizes that minorities are more likely to be imprisoned in the U.S., with African Americans imprisoned at five times the rate of Caucasians. African Americans represent almost a third of the total U.S. prison population while comprising only 13.4% of the U.S. population. That is more than 1,000 African Americans prisoners for every 100,000 African Americans in our country, compared to around 200 Caucasian inmates for every 100,000 Caucasian Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moab supports nationwide police enforcement reforms and criminal justice reforms to minimize police brutality and incarceration rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moab mourns the loss of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, 2020, and recognizes and remembers all those who have lost their lives at the hands of police brutality; and

WHEREAS, in order to reflect on the changes in our society that the City wishes to see, the City of Moab will continue to provide de-escalation training for officers, and shall continue to require all police officers to use body cameras. The City has a body camera footage release policy that requires supervisors to review two random videos per month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moab has in the past and will continue to train on the use of alternatives to lethal weapons and practices, and has implemented implicit bias training in the past and is committed to continuing this practice for all law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moab recognizes the civil liberties of its residents and visitors and will continue to value those sacred rights in policing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Moab stands in solidarity in support of Black Lives Matter, opposing police brutality, and supporting criminal justice reform;

WHEREAS, the City of Moab encourages all citizens to better understand the knowledge, experiences, and traditions of all populations and cultures; and

WHEREAS, we must continue to work together to reduce and eliminate racial and ethnic disparities and to promote equality for all our citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, We, Emily S. Niehaus, Mayor of the City of Moab, and Bret Edge, Police Chief of the City of Moab, hereby proclaim that the City of Moab pledges to...

1. **REVIEW** our current police use of force policies,
2. **ENGAGE** community members, including a diverse range of input, experiences, and stories in our review,
3. **REPORT** the findings of our review to your community and seek feedback, and
4. **REGULARLY EVALUATE**, modernize, and evolve our community's police use-of-force policies.

Dated this 4th Day of June 2020.

Emily S. Niehaus, Mayor of Moab

Bret Edge, Moab Chief of Police