

Proclamation

Kevin Bacon Day

Whereas, filming for the movie *Footloose* took place in Payson and the surrounding community during the 1983-1984 school year, and

Whereas, the students of Payson High School have dedicated the 2023-2024 school year to commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the movie, *Footloose*, in which Kevin Bacon played the leading role of Ren McCormack, and

Whereas, the contribution Mr. Bacon and *Footloose* have made to the Utah Film Industry, and, specifically, the subsequent number of movies that have been filmed in Payson, which have provided an opportunity for the charm and appeal of Payson to be shown throughout the country and the world is immeasurable, and

Whereas, Payson High School students have organized the *#BaconttoPayson* initiative to celebrate the memories, stories, and experiences created by the movie *Footloose* and to invite Mr. Bacon to return to Payson High School to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of filming, and

Whereas, Mr. Bacon has agreed to return to Payson and, with his non-profit organization, SixDegrees.org, has organized a Building Kits (BKxKB) event to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, to build 5,000 essential resource kits that will be distributed to local charities, and

Whereas, the extraordinary efforts of the Payson High School students, Mr. Kevin Bacon, and SixDegrees.org have come together to create an incredible benefit to Payson, its residents, and the community at large, by elevating the *#BaconttoPayson* initiative into something more lasting and meaningful.

Now, therefore, I, William R. Wright, Mayor of Payson City, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2024, as KEVIN BACON DAY in Payson City, and I urge all residents to support the efforts and example of the Payson High School students, Mr. Kevin Bacon, and SixDegrees.org.

Dated this 17th day of April 2024

ATTEST:

William R. Wright, Mayor

Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder