

**TOOELE COUNTY, UTAH
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION 2014-16**

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 31, 2014 AS GRANT
GERBER DAY**

WHEREAS, Grant Gerber, a County Commissioner from Elko County, Nevada, in order to peacefully protest the overreach of federal government agencies, i.e., the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Environmental Protection Agency, etc., organized the GRASS MARCH/COWBOY EXPRESS, patterned after Gandhi's SALT MARCH.

WHEREAS, the GRASS MARCH/COWBOY EXPRESS rode horseback, pony - express style out to the surf in California on September 26, 2014, carrying petitions expressing concerns about federal overreach in a mail pouch from counties in Utah, Nevada, Oregon, and Kansas and picking up additional petitions and holding rallies and press conferences along the route; they then turned eastward towards Washington, D.C.

WHEREAS, the GRASS MARCH/COWBOY EXPRESS riders consisted of ranchers, lawyers, county commissioners, state legislators, and the council chair of the Shoshone-Paiute tribe of Nevada.

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2014, twenty-one days later, the GRASS MARCH/COWBOY EXPRESS riders, complete with an authentic chuck wagon pulled by a team of white mules, traveled through the streets of Washington, D.C., with a police escort and multiple television cameras to a final rally and press conference at the US Capitol, where the grievance petitions were presented to Congress.

WHEREAS, following the Capitol rally they continued the GRASS MARCH/COWBOY EXPRESS to reach their final goal of riding into the surf of the Atlantic Ocean.

WHEREAS, as the GRASS MARCH/COWBOY EXPRESS was going through Kansas and Grant was riding, his horse stepped in a prairie dog hole and went down, throwing Grant to the ground, hitting his head and knocking him out. A medical exam showed a severe concussion but no obvious hemorrhaging.

WHEREAS, several days later, on the trip home he suffered hemorrhaging of the brain from the previous fall and was hospitalized at the University of Utah Medical Center for surgery and died in Salt Lake City, Utah on Saturday, October 25, 2014.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Grant Gerber, the organizer and founder of the GRASS MARCH/COWBOY EXPRESS, has shown that one person with a big idea and determination can accomplish big things. He led a peaceful demonstration against the overreach of federal agencies, bringing petitions from multiple states demanding relief from these growing abuses.


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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because of his heroic effort to restore our freedoms, his patriotism, and his military service in the Special Forces in Vietnam, Friday, October 31, 2014, is hereby declared Grant Gerber Day.

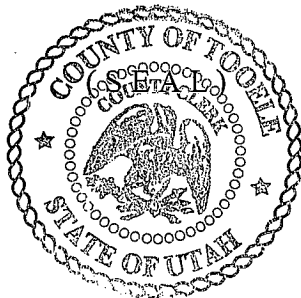
VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE TOOELE COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2014.

ATTEST:

TOOELE COUNTY COMMISSION:


MARILYN K. GILLETTE, Clerk


J. BRUCE CLEGG, Chairman



Commissioner Clegg voted aye
Commissioner Hurst voted aye
Commissioner Milne voted aye