

**RESOLUTION No. 2008-23R**

**A RESOLUTION OF IVINS CITY, UTAH, REQUESTING THE UTAH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UTAH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION  
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE MANUFACTURING EMPLOYEES AND  
THEIR FAMILIES OF UTAH AND TO TAKE SWIFT AND RESPONSIVE  
ACTIONS TO HALT OTHER UNLAWFUL BARRIERS TO FAIR AND FREE  
TRADE**

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing remains a backbone of the community, providing Washington County with 3300 high-paying jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States trade deficit has been fluctuating between \$60 billion and \$70 billion per month and surpassed \$780 billion in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, between 1989 and 2003, the U.S. trade deficit with China alone displaced production supporting 1.5 million jobs, according to the Economic Policy Institute, 75 percent of which were manufacturing jobs paying above average wages; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 4.2 million American manufacturing jobs have been lost since 1998 due to policies in place since 1998 and manufacturing employment is at its lowest point since March, 1950; and

**WHEREAS**, \$136 billion in wages are expected to shift from the U.S. to low-cost, environmentally unfriendly nations by 2015; these American jobs go to workers who are paid just pennies per hour in unsafe conditions and who receive no medical or other benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, the shift of clean, regulated American industry to nations with little to no environmental controls leads to an increase in global pollutants like mercury and greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, manufacturing employs more than 3300 people in Washington County, accounting for 16 percent of the jobs in the county; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF IVINS CITY,  
STATE OF UTAH:**

That the County Commissioners/Council of Washington County, on behalf of UTAH's citizens and business, by this resolution, encourage the State and Federal Government to take a strong position on behalf of the working families of Utah. These jobs can only be defended if agreed-to trade and environmental rules are diligently applied; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the County Commissioners of Washington County urge citizens of UTAH to support strong trade policy and act in a manner that can best help preserve, protect and defend the vital manufacturing jobs of UTAH.

**SECTION 1. Severability.** If any provision of this resolution is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 2. Effective Date.** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE IVINS CITY COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, ON THE 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2008, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Carol Tenczar	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
George E. Elwell, Jr.	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Michael Foot	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Barbara Rusick	_____	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Steve Jolley	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

ATTEST:

*Kari Jimenez*

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City Recorder



*R. Daren Barney*  
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R. Daren Barney, Mayor