



RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING VISITOR USE MANAGEMENT PLANNING EFFORTS
BY ZION NATIONAL PARK**

WHEREAS, Zion National Park (Park) began a Visitor Use Management Plan in 2015 to address exponential increases in visitation over the past 10 years. The purpose of the Plan is to provide a high-quality visitor experience, mitigate visitor crowding, protect plants, animals, and other biological, cultural and physical resources, and provide adaptive strategies for visitor access and use. The Park received over 5-million visitors in 2021 setting a new annual visitation record; and

WHEREAS, Springdale sits adjacent to the south entrance of the Park, and while benefiting economically from tourism, it also feels the negative impacts of high visitation as related to traffic congestion, vehicular parking challenges, pedestrian crowding, levels of business service, and the resultant effects to the quality of life for some residents. The high visitor season – typically in the recent past May through Labor Day – has expanded significantly into what were slower shoulder seasons, such that visitation is intense from mid-March through the end of November; and

WHEREAS, Springdale currently participates as a cooperating agency via a formal memorandum of agreement along with other state, county, and federal officials in Park visitor use planning; and

WHEREAS, Springdale participates in the Zion Regional Collaborative and Regional Recreation planning efforts along with other public, state, county, and federal stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Springdale that the Town will continue to be a participating member in Park and regional planning efforts and will show its active support by attending meetings, sharing information, and providing review and comment of draft planning documents.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Springdale that the Town will foster collaboration and promote efforts that assure a quality visitor experience, protect community values and conserve public land resources.

Passed and adopted this 13th day of April 2022.

Barbara Bruno, Mayor

Attest: _____
Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

Town Seal