TOQUERVILLE CITY - RESOLUTION NO. 2006-0511C Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Whereas, it is the goal of the Town of Toquerville, in the event of a major emergency or disaster, to save lives, prevent injury, protect property and preserve the environment, to the maximum extent possible with existing resources and under existing conditions, and

Whereas, the Town of Toquerville recognizes the need to prepare for emergencies and disasters of many different types and causes, and

Whereas, the Town of Toquerville supports the principle of emergency and disaster preparedness for the community, its businesses, families and citizens, and

Whereas, the President of the United States has established the <u>Citizen Corps Program</u> for the purpose of Community Preparedness at the State and local levels, as part of the USA Freedom Corps, within the Office of Domestic Preparedness of the Federal Department of Homeland Security, and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Utah has established the <u>Citizen Corps Program</u> for the purpose of Community Preparedness within the State of Utah, as part of the Utah Commission on Volunteers, within the responsibilities of the Lt. Governor of Utah, and

Whereas, the Southwest Utah Regional Citizen Corps Council has been established for the purpose of Community Preparedness within Utah's five Southwestern Counties, and

Whereas, the Community Emergency Response Team Program has proven itself across America for the past twenty years to be an effective and practical means of preparing communities, businesses, families and individuals to save lives and prevent injury in the immediate time period following an emergency or disaster, by caring for themselves, their neighborhoods and their communities, and

Whereas, the Community Emergency Response Team Program is supported by the Federal and State Departments of Homeland Security, and is a principle initiative of the National, State and Regional Citizen Corps Councils,

Be It Therefore Resolved that the Town of Toquerville does support in principle the establishment of the Hurricane Valley Citizen Corps Council, without any specific commitment of resources at this time, for the general purpose of promoting Community Preparedness throughout the municipalities and communities of the Hurricane Valley and its neighboring areas, through communication, coordination and collaboration in emergency and disaster preparedness, response and recovery, through planning, training and exercise, and specifically through the establishment of an area-wide Community Emergency Response Team Program.

Approved by City Council on May 11th, 2006

Signed:

Mayor Kon Powo

Carol Poque, City Recorder

Date: 5-31-06

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