A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ENCOURAGING INCREASED WATER CONSERVATION DUE TO DROUGHT CONDITIONS.

WHEREAS, the state of Utah experienced below-average statewide snowpack during the recent winter months and in the months of April and May, the state saw even drier conditions with an average of 0.3 inches of precipitation accumulated in valley locations; and

WHEREAS, counties and cities across the state are experiencing drought conditions and record high temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the forecast predicts the possibility of poor water supply conditions for the summer months; and

WHEREAS, many of the reservoirs around the state that provide drinking and irrigation water are at less than half of their capacities; and

WHEREAS, extreme drought conditions threaten access to safe, reliable drinking water from wells, streams, and reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, water is a valuable resource and an essential element for life that should be used wisely and as efficiently as possible to provide a stable water supply for the community; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Blair Camp and the Murray City Municipal Council join with Governor Cox to encourage all Utahns to increase their efforts to conserve water.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Murray City Municipal Council ask Murray residents and businesses to implement the following water conservation practices:

1. Don’t water the lawn more than two times per week.
2. Don’t water when it’s windy.
3. Don’t water between 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
4. Prioritize your watering to impact the most valuable plants in your landscape first: Trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals then grass. Grass is resilient and will enter dormancy during times of drought and high temperatures and recover when conditions improve.
5. Mow your lawn higher. Set mower blades to 3-4 inches. Taller grass means deeper roots that can access water that is deeper in the soil. Tall grass also shades roots and soil to reduce water loss through evaporation.
6. Manually shut off systems during rain and wind events in areas without rain and wind sensors.
7. Audit and repair all landscape irrigation systems so they are operating at maximum efficiency.
8. Install a smart irrigation controller.