

Executive Order No. _____

Date: 11/7/2013

EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY TO THE SALT LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, § 17-53-316, Utah Code Ann. and County Ordinance 2.06.080, grant authority to the Salt Lake County Mayor, as County Executive, to issue executive orders to establish and implement an executive policy and practice; and

WHEREAS, §17-53-315, Utah Code Ann., grants authority to the Salt Lake County Mayor, as County Executive, to control and direct the prosecution, defense, and settlement of all lawsuits and other actions involving the county or which may expose the county to liability; and

WHEREAS, County Ordinance 2.06.060 empowers the Salt Lake County Mayor to handle claims against the county and to submit claims to the Salt Lake County District Attorney for processing; and

WHEREAS, §17-50-401 (4) (a), Utah Code Ann., provides that the Salt Lake County Mayor as the County Executive shall forward all claims regarding liability or attorney fees to the District Attorney for review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office handles all litigation on behalf of the county and possesses the expertise and detailed knowledge about such litigation;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Mayor has determined that efficiencies shall be realized in allowing the Salt Lake County District Attorney to exercise professional judgment in the settlement of those cases and claims of up to \$50,000 asserted against the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ben McAdams, Mayor, Salt Lake County, State of Utah, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the laws of the State of Utah, do hereby order the following:

1. The Salt Lake County District Attorney shall have the authority to settle, compromise, and order the payment of any claim or suit against the county up to the amount of \$50,000, unless the Mayor advises the District Attorney otherwise.
2. The Salt Lake County District Attorney may implement such policies and procedures relating to the settlement and payment of any such claims as the Attorney deems appropriate.

This Executive Order is effective upon execution.

Given under my hand and the great seal of Salt Lake County, Utah, this 7th day of January, 2013.

By 
Ben McAdams, Salt Lake County Mayor