

# Hyde Park, Utah 150 Years Flag Ceremony Narrative

Let us take a moment to remember the first 150 years of Hyde Parks' heritage. Throughout this Celebration, we hope to do justice to the immense quantity of history that comes from a people with such quality.

As we say Hyde Park, we use these words to address the past and present residents of this city, who have chosen to give allegiance to its government and thereby entitling them to its protection and its privileges.

Hyde Parks' first settlers came to this land in covered wagons, in which they also lived, until they had completed their homes using materials worked from valley resources.

Homes were built close for the purposes of security. Neighbors helped one another. They served each other with love. Neighbors became friends.

The settlement named Hyde Park was formed, and the fruits of an industrious people quickly followed.

This, the Pioneer spirit, is consistently found throughout Hyde Park's history and continues in our day, in our people.

Through the unsung actions of caring neighbors to the ultimate sacrifice a friend can make, this spirit is manifest. In serving their Country through military service, in faithfully providing for the needs of their family, and in continual service of their neighbor, we see that Hyde Park has a special place in the history of Humanity.

Hyde Park is a place for our families to grow, and for friendships to form and last. It is a place for citizens who have chosen to love Liberty, Humility, and Peace.

All over Utah and across the United States there are many places with which we share a similar Heritage. The words of our second President John Adams give recognition to the crucial actions of those who have left this Nation to us. "I always consider the settlement of America with reverence and wonder, as the opening of a grand scene and design in Providence for the illumination of the ignorant, and the emancipation of the slavish part of mankind all over the earth."

Finally, like the thoughts of those who lived during the founding of this Great Nation, and those who have been born into or come to this land between then and now, may our thoughts epitomize the meaning of this sentence: "Impossible is not a word it's just a reason for someone not to try." (Kutless - What Faith Can Do) We are together this night to honor, remember, and to give thanks for this, our Heritage of Freedom.