

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 2019-5

SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY OF SALT LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, Section 17-53-316 of the Utah Code grants 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, Section 17-53-315 of the Utah Code 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, Salt Lake 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 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; and

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 by or against the county; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jennifer Wilson, Mayor of 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. That the Salt Lake County District Attorney shall have the authority to settle, compromise, and order the payment of any claim or suit against or by 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.

SIGNED and APPROVED this 29 day of January, 2019.

SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR

By: 
Jennifer Wilson

Approved As To Form:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Chamness', with a small 'c' at the end of the signature.

Ralph Chamness
Chief Deputy District Attorney
Date: January 29, 2019