

can help our citizens better understand the history of this watershed and help develop better relations among the Ute tribes and our local governments.

Sincerely,
The People of Ophir

Resolution read, approved and adopted this 20th day of September, 2016

By: CP Platt
Corinne Platt, Mayor

Attest: [Signature]
Lisa Rutledge, Town Clerk



TOWN OF OPHIR
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-3

FORMAL WELCOME TO THE UTE "NUCHE" PEOPLE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TOWN OF OPHIR HEREBY ADOPTS THE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY RESOLUTION

We, the people of Ophir, Colorado, hereby recognize that by September 7, 1881, the Uncompahgre Band of the Ute Nation had been removed by the U.S. Army from their lands on Colorado's Western Slope, including encampments in the San Miguel River basin and the Ophir Valley.

We realize that the Uncompahgre Ute People were relocated to Utah, and made part of the Ute Indian Tribe on the Uintah and Ouray Reservations. One year after the Ute removal, in the fall of 1882, San Miguel County was split off from Ouray County and was made its own political subdivision of the newly-formed State of Colorado (1876).

We recognize that on April 23, 2014, San Miguel County passed a formal government-to-government apology for the forced removal of the Uncompahgre Ute People from lands within San Miguel County, and that the apology was accepted by the Ute Indian Tribe in Fort Duchesne, Utah, in February of 2015.

The town of Ophir, established in 1881, passed an ordinance in 2000, suggesting that the U.S. Government take responsibility for its past mistreatment and continuing neglect of all Native American tribes. To that end, Ophir, under the leadership of Mayor David Glynn, commissioned and dedicated a monument and plaque to the Ute people with honor and respect to their long history in these mountains.

San Miguel County is hoping to continue a process of reconciliation by holding an Indigenous Peoples Day on Oct. 8th, 2016.

NOW, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Town of Ophir welcomes Ute representatives from the three Ute tribes in the region and hopes that this day of healing and education