



## **Fiscal Responsibility**

### *Stop spending a dime to save a nickel*

Whether it's running a household, a business or an organization, the key to financial success is being able to account for "true costs". Knowing both the predictable and potential outcomes and expenses of a program is critical to fiscal responsibility. It is counterproductive to spend a dime to save a nickel. Prudent oversight and transparency will ensure these programs are well run.

### *Invest public money wisely*

The taxpayer dollar must be respected. We need to investigate the short-, mid- and long-term effects of our decisions for efficiency and cost effectiveness before reacting impulsively to problems. Often problems are approached from too narrow of perspective. Costly consequences are the result when a problem is not properly vetted for the best solutions.

### *Prepare for rainy days*

We need to always be prepared for the next "disaster". Just as I learned training disaster services volunteers at the Red Cross for five years: stock supplies, educate the public and have a rainy day fund. I'm proud Utah values self-reliance. Our policies and emergency plans should reflect this attitude by being prepared for any situation that may arise.