



Office of the Governor

State of Utah

JON M. HUNTSMAN, JR.
Governor

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Lieutenant Governor

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Greetings!

As Governor, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the *Wild West Barbeque Showdown*. With the beautiful Rocky Mountains as our backdrop and in conjunction with the Utah Outdoor Adventure Expo, I am honored to add my voice to those who declare the *Wild West Barbeque Showdown* to be a Utah State Barbecue Championship. The Grand Champion of this competition sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbecue Society will qualify the winner to participate in the National Championship competition.

The *Wild West Barbeque Showdown* involves competitors, volunteers, and respected members of the judging community from all walks of life and is presented for the sole purpose of producing world-class barbecue. The staff and volunteers of the Utah Outdoor Adventure Expo and member of the Utah Barbecue Association are dedicated to promoting, teaching, preserving, enjoying, and celebrating barbecue as a culinary technique, sport, recreational activity, and art form.

Best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon M. Huntsman, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
Governor