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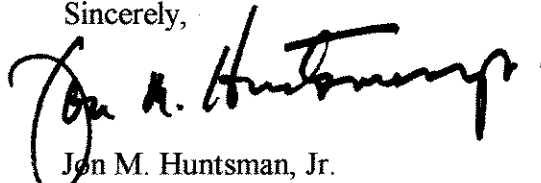
To the Participants of the "Women of the Mountains" International Conference:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our great state on the occasion of this conference. As you know, our pioneer ancestors struggled to carve a civilization out of a desert others did not want. These ancestors came from more comfortable origins and the harsh mountains and desert valleys of Utah took their toll in hunger, sickness, and death. However, in large measure because of the valiant women who fought against terrible odds, Utah flourished and grew. The elements were overcome and a great civilization and culture emerged.

The stories of deprivation and struggle among our original settlers is both heart rending and inspirational. Traditional family values, the home, and education were key to the stability of our state. The noble women who sacrificed so much brought stability, love, and refinement into our lives. They left us a legacy of great hope.

Best wishes for a successful dialog as you address issues critical to women and children in developing mountain nations throughout the world.

Sincerely,



Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.  
Governor