



ERIN MENDENHALL  
*Mayor*

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, December is observed as both Universal and National Human Rights Month and December 10th is Human Rights Day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, establishes the principles that underscore the shared commitment of the global community to safeguard the rights of every individual, irrespective of nationality, ethnicity, gender, religion, or any other status; and

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Human Rights Month throughout the month of December provides an opportunity for reflection, education, and action to promote and protect the rights and freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Universal Declaration includes 30 civil, cultural, economic, political, and social rights which promote universal respect for and observance of human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms contributes to social progress and better standards of living around the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, Salt Lake City is grateful for the work of our Human Rights Commission, and all that they do to eliminate discrimination and promote universal human rights in Salt Lake City; and

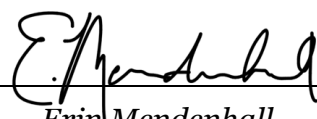
**WHEREAS**, for 2023, the Human Rights Campaign Foundation gave Salt Lake City a Municipal Equality Index (MEI) score of 100, the highest score of all cities in Utah; and

**WHEREAS**, the assurance of equitable treatment for all of Salt Lake City's residents has been and will continue to be an ongoing priority for the Mayor's Office.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim December 2023:

### ***Human Rights Month in Salt Lake City***

*December 1, 2023*

  
Erin Mendenhall  
*Mayor*