

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

Resolution

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2024 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SALT LAKE CITY

WHEREAS, *Black History Month is a time to celebrate the far-reaching contributions made by Black Americans throughout our country's history, that have shaped our nation and our city for the better; and*

WHEREAS, *the origin of Black History Month can be traced back to 1926 when Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which he co-founded, declared the second week of February "Negro History Week;" and*

WHEREAS, *expanding upon the work of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Black History Month was first proposed by Black educators, students, and the Black United Students group at Kent State University in 1969; and*

WHEREAS, *In 1970, the first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State and six years later, in 1976, was recognized by President Gerald Ford urging Americans to "honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history;" and*

WHEREAS, *contributions by Black Americans have influenced all facets of society, from culture to religion, from education to business and public service, and more; and*

WHEREAS, *it is our honor to acknowledge and celebrate the heritage, perseverance, and achievements of Black Americans in our nation's history. We acknowledge their struggle as an American struggle and at its core reflects upon our society; and*

WHEREAS, *in Salt Lake City and Utah, we have many heroes to look up to and learn from. From trailblazers of the past, current leaders, as well as the luminaries of the future.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that Salt Lake City recognizes the month of February as Black History Month and the importance of Black History Month as an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of the United States, while remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

that the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor of Salt Lake City remain dedicated to dismantling racial inequality while advancing equity and justice to all.

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that Salt Lake City is committed to continuing the progress made throughout Black history, but also to ensure a positive Black future. We create history every day, and if we work together to make our today better than yesterday, our tomorrow will only be that much brighter.

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the theme for Black History Month 2024 is "Black Resistance." We have the opportunity and responsibility to not only reflect on the obstacles overcome but to also make the present a time where Black Americans equitably excel and thrive.


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Adopted this 6th day of February 2024



Erin Mendenhall
Salt Lake City Mayor



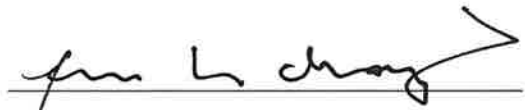
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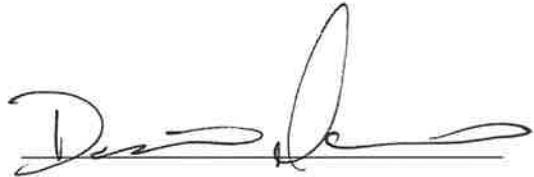
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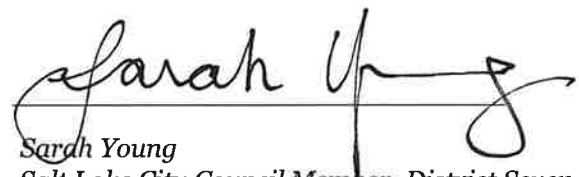
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