



ERIN MENDENHALL
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) is a holiday that originated in pre-Columbian Mexico, where it is still celebrated today and has since expanded to countries all over the world through immigration; and

WHEREAS, Día de los Muertos serves as a Memorial celebration to recognize and honor loved ones who have passed away, and to see that they are never forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Día de los Muertos is shrouded in duality, from painting only half of one's face, symbolizing the quick passage from life to death, to the eye-catching marigold flowers said to guide the spirits to their altars through their vibrant colors and scent; and

WHEREAS, local Hispanic businesses promote Día de Los Muertos through selling marigolds, face paints, crafts, decorations, pan de Muertos (bread of the dead), and tamales, enjoyed by the living as much as the dead; and

WHEREAS, this year, *Una Mano Amiga* will display Día de los Muertos Altars at Trolley Square and the Utah State Capitol from October 29 through November 2 to create a broader opportunity for visitors to not only view displays, but join the celebration in honoring the loss of family members, friends, and community heroes; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City residents, businesses, and employees are invited to share in this opportunity to learn about Mexican culture and celebrate with loved ones both past and present.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim November 1st and 2nd:

Día de los Muertos Days in Salt Lake City

November 1, 2022

Erin Mendenhall
Mayor