

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*, December 10th is internationally recognized as Human Rights Day commemorating the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which outlined, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected; and

*WHEREAS,* the 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 life; and

*WHEREAS*, Salt Lake City is grateful for the work of our Human Rights Commission, and all that they do in striving towards eliminating discrimination in Salt Lake City; and

*WHEREAS*, the Salt Lake City Human Rights Commission seeks to honor local community leaders and organizations that exemplify, "Advancing Human Rights" on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Sorenson Community Campus; and

*WHEREAS*, this year, Salt Lake City passed the first local Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women/Gender Equity Ordinance in Utah that seeks to provide women and girls a safe and equitable place to live and thrive; and

*WHEREAS*, for 2022, 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 2022:

## Human Rights Month in Salt Lake City

December 1, 2022

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