

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting and celebration of trees; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now celebrated throughout our nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, early pioneers recognized the important role that trees would play in the successful settlement of this great valley; and

WHEREAS, those early pioneers, and their children, and their children's children, and every generation since have planted and nurtured trees for the benefit of all who live in or visit our great City; and

WHEREAS, our growing city and families need a growing urban forest to support our health, comfort and beauty; and

WHEREAS, the thousands of trees that Salt Lake City has been able to plant over the last five years would not have been possible without the help of generous donors and volunteers; and

WHEREAS, those who plant and maintain trees today are carrying on a worthy tradition that will promote the health and sustainability of our growing City for years to come; and

WHEREAS, trees have been, are today, and will forever be an essential and endearing component of our City's identity,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City proclaim Monday, April 22, 2024 as

ARBOR DAY in Salt Lake City

and dedicate the trees we plant here on this day to every person who has ever planted and nurtured a tree so that future generations may find joy in its beauty and comfort in its shade.

April 22, 2024

Erin Mendenhall Mayor