

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, traffic violence killed more than 40,990 people in the United States in 2023, according to the National Highway Safety Administration; and

WHEREAS, there have been 66 recorded roadway fatalities in Salt Lake City since 2021 and roughly 45 percent involved a pedestrian or bicyclist fatality; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is a global event to remember the millions who have been killed or seriously injured on the world's roads and to acknowledge the suffering of all affected victims, families, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the objective of this World Day of Remembrance is to also acknowledge the crucial work of emergency services and promote evidence-based actions to prevent and stop further road traffic deaths and injuries; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 World Day of Remembrance theme, "Traffic Deaths and Serious Injuries are Preventable," effectively reminds us to increase safety measures; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City adopted Vision Zero, a commitment to eliminate all traffic fatalities and serious injuries, because it recognizes that traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim November 17, 2024, as:

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in Salt Lake City

November 17, 2024

Erin Mendenhall

Mayor