



ERIN MENDENHALL
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture the establishment of a special day to honor trees and encourage their planting; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now celebrated around the world, inspiring communities everywhere to appreciate the importance of trees in the places where we live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City's earliest residents understood the crucial role trees would play in transforming this valley into the vibrant and thriving community it is today; and

WHEREAS, throughout generations, countless Salt Lakers have planted, cared for, and preserved trees, enhancing our city's character and legacy; and

WHEREAS, as Salt Lake City continues to grow, we recognize the vital need for a healthy and expanding urban forest to provide cooling shade, improve air quality, enhance beauty, and support the well-being of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the progress made over the past five years in planting thousands of trees in Salt Lake City has been made possible by the hard work of dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and community partners; and

WHEREAS, the City planted 2,205 trees citywide in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the planting and nurturing of trees today will ensure that future generations inherit a city with a thriving, sustainable urban forest; and

WHEREAS, trees are and will remain an essential part of Salt Lake City's soul, fostering community, and enriching the lives of all who live in or visit our city.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025, as

ARBOR DAY in Salt Lake City

Dated this 25th day of April, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Mendenhall", is written over a horizontal line.

Erin Mendenhall
Mayor