

# SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

## Resolution 40 of 2022

### JOINT RESOLUTION DECLARING WORLD AIDS DAY 2022 IN SALT LAKE CITY

- WHEREAS**, according to estimates from the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, there are now more than 38 million people throughout the world living with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); of these, 54% are women and girls; 1.7 million are children; 1.5 million new infections occurred among adults and children in 2021 alone; and
- WHEREAS**, in Utah, HIV incidence has not seen a significant decrease in new HIV infections when other metropolitan areas have; and
- WHEREAS**, in Utah, the rate of new HIV diagnoses with stage 3 infections has not decreased in the last five years; and
- WHEREAS**, up to 85 percent of people living with HIV in Utah reside along the Wasatch Front; and
- WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has found that HIV-related stigma has a significant negative impact on people living with HIV, increases new infections, and delays people seeking testing for HIV; and
- WHEREAS**, stigma, shame and fear make people less likely to discuss their sexual health with doctors and often leads to delays in seeking testing or treatment for sexually transmitted infections and HIV, which can have serious long-term health consequences; and
- WHEREAS**, despite rigorous testing of all donated blood, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have yet to rescind its recommendation that blood donation centers turn away members of the LGBTQ community, especially gay men and transgender people, increasing stigma; and
- WHEREAS**, people with HIV who take HIV medicine as prescribed maintain and keep an undetectable viral load, can live long and healthy lives, and will not transmit HIV to an HIV-negative partner; and
- WHEREAS**, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), a daily regimen of two oral antiretroviral drugs in a single pill, has proven to be highly effective in preventing HIV infection for individuals at high risk, reducing the risk of acquiring HIV by up to 97 percent; and
- WHEREAS**, Salt Lake City supports the efforts of the Utah AIDS Foundation in their mission to provide support to people living with HIV/AIDS, and prevention services for those at risk for HIV. Salt Lake City also supports the important work of the Salt Lake County Health Departments STD (sexually transmitted disease) Clinic, which provides testing for HIV at no cost; and
- WHEREAS**, the elimination of stigma in Utah will lead to better physical and mental health outcomes for people living with HIV, increased HIV disclosure, increased HIV testing and decreased HIV infections; and
- WHEREAS**, World AIDS Day was established in 1988 and is observed each year on December 1 to provide an opportunity for individuals and communities to take action and help educate for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care; and
- WHEREAS**, Salt Lake City has joined other cities around the world in an effort to increase awareness, reduce stigma, provide education about HIV/AIDS and demonstrate compassion for those affected by HIV.

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### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

*the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor of Salt Lake City hereby recognize December 1, 2022, as World AIDS Day in Salt Lake City and encourage all residents to unite together in the fight against HIV/AIDS, reduce the stigma of HIV/AIDS, and support those who are living with or have been affected by HIV/AIDS.*

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**

*Salt Lake City urges the FDA to rescind its recommendation that blood donation centers turn away donors in the LGBTQ community based solely on sexual history since according to the CDC all blood for transfusion is tested for evidence of certain infectious disease pathogens such as HIV.*

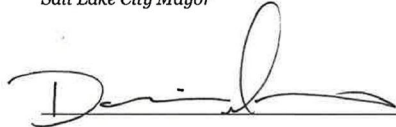
Adopted this 22 day of November, 2022



Erin Mendenhall  
Salt Lake City Mayor



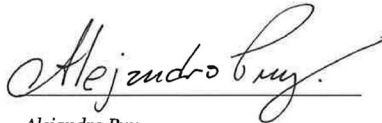
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