



ERIN MENDENHALL  
*Mayor*

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, infertility is a disease characterized by the failure to establish a clinical pregnancy after 12 months of regular attempts to conceive; and

**WHEREAS**, infertility is a complex diagnosis and can be devastating with potentially serious consequences physically, socially, mentally and financially; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 8 couples will have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a healthy pregnancy; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Survey of Family Growth, 7.3 million women between 15-44 years of age in the U.S. have received some form of infertility services in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, infertility does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomic level, and affects both women and men. According to the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, about 9% of men (of reproductive age) in the United States experience fertility problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the financial burden of infertility treatment creates a barrier for many couples who are faced with family-building alternatives such as In Vitro Fertilization, adoption, surrogacy, or other third-party options; and

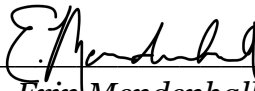
**WHEREAS**, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

**WHEREAS**, Salt Lake City joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association, The Utah Infertility Resource Center, and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family-building community by participating in this promotion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim April 23-29, 2023, as:

### ***Infertility Awareness Week in Salt Lake City***

*April 23, 2023*

  
Erin Mendenhall  
Mayor