

ERIN MENDENHALL Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April marks the 57th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Fair Housing Act, which seeks to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recognizes that the Fair Housing Act prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and that it requires all federal agencies and recipients of federal housing funds to affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City recognizes the legacy of discriminatory housing practices, including redlining and racial covenants, that shaped the City's neighborhoods and availability of opportunities, disproportionately impacting communities of color; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City upholds and works to expand housing rights through the Mayor's Office of Access and Belonging, the City's Accessibility and Disability Committee, the Community and Neighborhoods Department, the Housing Stability Division, the Community Reinvestment Agency, and all other City housing–related entities; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City is implementing Thriving in Place, an anti-displacement strategy to help the City address displacement by prioritizing six interrelated anti-displacement goals, which are: protect tenants from being displaced, preserve the affordable housing we have, produce more affordable housing, expand funding for tenant support and affordable housing, partner and collaborate, and advocate for tenants at the state level; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City launched the Consumer Protection Complaint Portal in 2024, which allows residents to voice concerns, report scams, and seek assistance related to consumer and housing issues at www.slc.gov/housingstability/consumerprotection/.

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

Fair Housing Month in Salt Lake City

April 1, 2025

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