



ERIN MENDENHALL
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the illustrious editorial cartoonist Pat Bagley has spent over four decades illustrating the highs, lows, and “you can’t make this up” moments of Utah politics, all with a flick of his pen and a twinkle in his eye; and

WHEREAS, Pat’s cartoons have spared no one—from state legislators to American presidents to politicians across the world—proving that satire is, indeed, the best defense (and sometimes even the best offense); and

WHEREAS, Pat’s art has been featured in such obscure publications as *The Washington Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, and *The Guardian*—impressive, though his dependable cartoons for “the Trib” hold the most special place in our hearts; and

WHEREAS, during the 2002 Winter Olympics, Pat unleashed a series of cheeky commemorative pins—featuring designs like “Seven Brides for One Brother” and “Crickets Make Me Barf”—that not only poked fun at Utah’s quirks but also became hot commodities among collectors,

WHEREAS, Pat was honored as a finalist for the 2014 Pulitzer Prize in Editorial Cartooning for his “adroit use of images and words that cut to the core of often emotional issues for his readership,” which is perhaps an understatement of his commentarial abilities; and

WHEREAS, after a long day’s work laboring over the drawing table, Pat could reliably be found each night “holding court” on his front porch, sharing a homemade meal or even a homemade glass of wine, a sight which will be sorely missed by his friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of civic devotion (and possibly to avoid being doodled into a future cartoon), we gather today to celebrate not just Pat Bagley the artist, but Pat Bagley the chronicler, the conscience, and the champion of wit.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby proclaim May 31st, 2025 as:

PAT BAGLEY DAY in Salt Lake City

Dated the 29th day of May 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Mendenhall".

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