

ERIN MENDENHALL Mayor

## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS*, assistive technology plays a vital role in empowering Utahns with disabilities and older adults to lead independent, fulfilling lives and fully participate in their families and communities; and

*WHEREAS*, assistive technology is any item, piece of equipment, or product, whether acquired commercially, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities or older adults; and

*WHEREAS*, access to assistive technology promotes equity, dignity, and opportunity for people of all ages and abilities; and

*WHEREAS*, the Utah Assistive Technology Program, a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing awareness and access to assistive devices and services, has provided assistive technology equipment, expert guidance, and support services to Salt Lake City residents for 12 years; and

*WHEREAS*, the Utah Assistive Technology Program is hosting Adaptive Adventures: Assistive Technology Awareness Day to bring together individuals with disabilities, caregivers, service providers, community organizations, and members of the public to engage in adaptive activities, explore emerging technologies, and foster greater understanding and inclusion; and

*WHEREAS*, cultivating an inclusive community that supports the rights, needs, and aspirations of people with disabilities is a shared responsibility and priority for Salt Lakers and our greater community;

*NOW, THEREFORE,* I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby proclaim July 19, 2025 as:

## Assistive Technology Awareness Day in Salt Lake City

**AND** I encourage all residents to celebrate and support the contributions of people with disabilities, advance awareness of assistive technologies, and work together toward a more inclusive and accessible community for all.

Dated the 19th day of July 2025

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