



ERIN MENDENHALL
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Deseret News celebrated its official 175th anniversary on June 15, 2025 and now celebrates it with the community today; and

WHEREAS, it was the Mountain West’s first newspaper and is the longest-running news organization in Utah, as well as the state’s oldest continuously operating business; and

WHEREAS, the Deseret News started in a small building in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City and has gathered news to print “Truth & Liberty” from multiple locations across the city—from Regent Street to 30 E. 100 South—and now operates from the Triad Center; and

WHEREAS, as the population in this territory grew, the Deseret News grew alongside it with its editors, reporters, copy editors, photojournalists, and columnists chronicling daily life, Utah families, sports and businesses; and

WHEREAS, it won a Pulitzer Prize—the most prestigious honor in journalism—for local reporting in 1961; and

WHEREAS, while many newspapers were created and shuttered during this time in Utah, the Deseret News has continued to publish advancing from typesetters to typewriters, word processors to satellites, and darkrooms to digital cameras; and

WHEREAS, the digital age reshaped journalism, with one-third of U.S. newspapers closing since 2005, yet the Deseret News adapted while staying true to its mission to “elevate understanding, challenge assumptions and illuminate context from our long-standing heritage of faith, family, and the fundamental values that build strong societies”; and

WHEREAS, the Deseret News can now be accessed virtually by anyone anywhere in the globe as one of just 47 American newspapers publishing for 175 years or more.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim September 24, 2025, as:

Deseret News - Voice of the West Day in Salt Lake City

September 18, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Mendenhall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping tail.

Erin Mendenhall
Mayor