



ERIN MENDENHALL
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the year 1850, in a fledgling settlement beneath the Wasatch Mountains, the University of Utah—originally named the University of Deseret—was founded as one of the first institutions of higher learning in the American West; and

WHEREAS, from its earliest days in a single-room pioneer home with just 25 students, the University has embodied the vision set forth by the General Assembly of the State of Deseret: “a perpetual increase in knowledge,” serving as both a place of discovery and a force for progress in Salt Lake City and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the University’s growth mirrors that of the city it calls home—from its move to the East Bench in 1900, to its early athletic traditions, to its rise as a world-class research institution whose innovations in medicine, engineering, and computer science have transformed countless lives; and

WHEREAS, the University of Utah continues to strengthen our community through its commitment to education, research, healthcare, the arts, and public service, enriching every facet of life in Salt Lake City; and

WHEREAS, generations of University of Utah alumni have carried the lessons learned on campus into our community in their own unique ways, advancing innovation, leadership, and service that extend far beyond the foothills of campus; and

WHEREAS, as the University celebrates 175 years of learning, discovery, and community, Salt Lake City celebrates alongside it—recognizing the shared spirit of curiosity, resilience, and progress that continues to shape both the campus and the city it helped build.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Erin Mendenhall, do hereby proclaim October 17, 2025, as

University of Utah Day in Salt Lake City

AND encourage Salt Lakers to celebrate by wearing and displaying red, supporting our students and alumni, and reflecting on the University’s enduring impact on the place we call home.

Dated the 15th of October 2025

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

Erin Mendenhall
Mayor