

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

Resolution

JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2026 AS BLACK HISTORY MONTH IN SALT LAKE CITY

WHEREAS, *Black History Month celebrates the far-reaching contributions made by Black Americans throughout the history of the United States – contributions that have shaped both our nation and our city for the better; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, which he co-founded, established “Negro History Week” during the second week of February; and*

WHEREAS, *building upon his work, Black educators, students, and the Black United Students group at Kent State University proposed Black History Month in 1969, and in 1970, organized the first celebration of Black History Month; and*

WHEREAS, *in 1976, President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month and called upon Americans to “honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor through our history”; and*

WHEREAS, *the contributions by Black Americans have profoundly influenced all aspects of society, including culture, religion, education, business, public service, and the arts, which continue to shape our nation; and*

WHEREAS, *the recognition of Black History Month must not waver based on political or social trends; and*

WHEREAS, *the heritage, perseverance, and achievements of Black Americans reflect an ongoing American struggle for equality and justice, and recognizing this history strengthens our collective understanding of who we are as a society; and*

WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City and the State of Utah are home to many Black leaders, innovators, and community members whose past, present, and future contributions enrich our city and inspire continued progress.*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Salt Lake City Council and the Mayor of Salt Lake City hereby recognize the month of February as Black History Month and affirm its importance as an opportunity to reflect on the complex history of the United States while approaching the future with confidence and optimism.

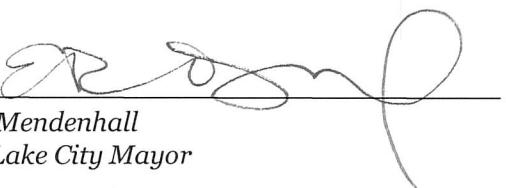
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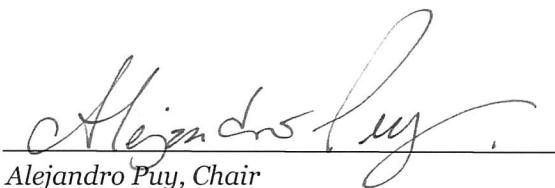
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Salt Lake City Council and the Mayor of Salt Lake City reaffirm their commitment to expand upon the progress achieved throughout Black history to ensure a positive and equitable future. History is still being written, and by working together to make today better than yesterday, we can create a brighter tomorrow for all.

Adopted this 3rd day of February 2026.

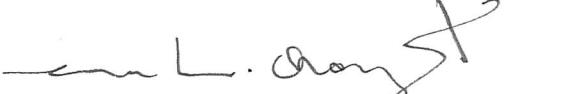

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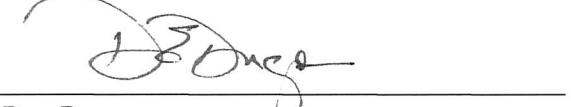

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