



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Randall Lake, born in Long Beach, California in 1947, came to Utah in 1973 following studies in Europe and later earned his Master of Fine Arts from the University of Utah, establishing a lifelong practice grounded in both classical training and a deep intellectual curiosity; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, Randall Lake has maintained a studio in the historic Guthrie Building on 200 South—an enduring home to generations of artists and a central pulse of downtown Salt Lake City’s creative life; and

WHEREAS, his art is held in collections across Salt Lake City, Utah, the country, and around the world, and has been described as “living” and “pulsing with humanness for generations”; and

WHEREAS, his work is even part of the daily life of City Hall, where his portraits of former mayors Ted Wilson and Palmer DePaulis hang just outside the Mayor’s Office (quietly setting an impossibly high bar for the day I will have to sit for a similar portrait); and

WHEREAS, widely recognized as a “painterly master of the oil brush,” Randall Lake is known for his landscapes, still lifes, and portraits, and for a body of work that reflects both technical mastery and a willingness to evolve—continually exploring new palettes, methods, and ideas with curiosity and courage; and

WHEREAS, both Randall Lake’s life and work reflect a deep humanity, shaped by honesty, a commitment to living and creating authentically, and no small measure of creativity—as demonstrated by his alleged trade of a painting of Coalville to a judge in exchange for a speeding ticket; and

WHEREAS, as he closes his longtime downtown studio and prepares to make Spring City his full-time home, we recognize both the significance of this transition and the lasting imprint he leaves on Salt Lake City’s artistic and cultural landscape.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2026, as

Randall Lake Day in Salt Lake City

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

Erin Mendenhall
Mayor