



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Otto Mileti was born in 1949 in Houston, Texas, moved to Utah in 1971, and soon opened Mileti's, a respected Italian restaurant on Main Street in Park City; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1983, Otto opened the Zephyr Club at 300 South and West Temple, which quickly became one of Salt Lake City's most memorable and influential live music venues, welcoming generations of musicians and music lovers and helping shape the sound, spirit, and nightlife of our downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning with Blues Hall of Famer John Hammond on April 15 and 16, 1983, the Zephyr Club went on to host renowned blues artists including B.B. King, Johnny Winter, Robert Cray, Buddy Guy, Magic Slim, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Tommy Castro, Tab Benoit, Koko Taylor, Coco Montoya, and many others across a wide range of genres; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zephyr Club's intimate, spirited, and occasionally unruly setting made it a meaningful gathering place for Salt Lakers, artists, and touring musicians, creating the kind of shared cultural experience that helps make a city feel alive, connected, and welcoming; and

**WHEREAS**, from the people who worked the door and the bar, to the sound engineers, servers, performers, and loyal patrons, Otto helped cultivate a community that many remember as feeling like family; and

**WHEREAS**, Otto Mileti's work helped enrich Salt Lake City's arts, entertainment, and cultural life, leaving a lasting legacy in the heart of our city and in the memories of all who experienced the Zephyr Club.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2026, as:

### **Otto Mileti Day in Salt Lake City**

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

*Erin Mendenhall*  
Mayor