



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month is recognized each July in honor of the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law on July 26, 1990; and

WHEREAS, in 2026 we mark the 36th anniversary of this landmark civil rights law and the ongoing work to make access, equity, and inclusion real in the daily lives of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, disability is a natural and valuable part of human diversity, and Salt Lakers with disabilities are neighbors, artists, athletes, entrepreneurs, employees, public servants, advocates, caregivers, family members, and community leaders whose perspectives and contributions strengthen our city every day; and

WHEREAS, the City's Accessibility and Disability Commission, codified in 2022, advises the Mayor and City Council on issues affecting people with disabilities and helps identify ways to improve accessibility, inclusion, and belonging across Salt Lake City; and

WHEREAS, through continued investments in accessible infrastructure, Salt Lake City is working to improve sidewalks, curb ramps, crosswalks, and other public-right-of-way needs so residents and visitors can move through our city more safely and reliably; and

WHEREAS, accessibility also means making City services, information, and public participation easier to use, which is why the City is working toward more accessible websites and digital documents, providing reasonable accommodations and alternative formats, supporting interpreter and translator requests, and offering clear ways for residents to report barriers or file ADA grievances; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City provides Aira visual interpreting service in City spaces and continues to pursue broader access to tools and services that help people who are blind or have low vision navigate, access information, and engage more independently with City programs, services, and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, July 27, 2026, from 4-6 p.m. at the Salt Lake City & County Building, Salt Lake City will celebrate the anniversary of the ADA and invites residents and visitors to join in honoring the disability community, recognizing progress, and recommitting ourselves to the work still ahead.

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

Disability Pride Month in Salt Lake City

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erin Mendenhall", is written over a horizontal line.

Erin Mendenhall, Mayor