



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City is strengthened by people who recognize the dignity of their neighbors and respond to hardship with compassion, friendship, and sustained service; and

WHEREAS, during a Utah Code Blue activation, Jay Elggren met a 77-year-old combat veteran who regularly attended Unsheltered Utah's Movie Night program, beginning a friendship built on trust, respect, and care; and

WHEREAS, Jay became a steady advocate and source of support for his friend, helping him restore veterans' benefits, address a longstanding legal barrier, reconnect with family, access physical and mental healthcare, establish a home, and rebuild routines disrupted by years of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, when his friend later faced the loss of housing and a life-threatening illness, Jay continued to provide practical assistance and advocacy, including helping him secure medical care and working to keep him connected to housing and support; and

WHEREAS, through persistence, generosity, and friendship, Jay has demonstrated the meaningful difference one person can make by continuing to show up for a neighbor through both progress and setbacks.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Erin Mendenhall, hereby proclaim September 18, 2026, as:

Jay Elggren Day in Salt Lake City

AND extend my gratitude to Jay and the volunteers and staff of Unsheltered Utah for the time, compassion, and support they provide to people experiencing homelessness in Salt Lake City, especially during our coldest nights.

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

Erin Mendenhall, Mayor