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JOINT RESOLUTION DECLARING OCTOBER 28, 2026, AS NATIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY

WHEREAS, *October 28 is recognized as National First Responders Day, a day to honor first responders—including professional and volunteer firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, 911 dispatchers, and search-and-rescue personnel for the extraordinary dedication, courage, and sacrifice they face in responding to emergencies, danger, tragedy, and uncertainty; and*

WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City has a proud history of public safety service dating back to its earliest years, with the Salt Lake City Police Department formally established in 1851, to the City's first volunteer fire protection service in 1853, followed by the Salt Lake City Volunteer Fire Department in 1856, to the establishment of the City's first professional, paid Fire Department in October 1883, following a devastating downtown fire; and*

WHEREAS, *for generations, Salt Lake City's first responders have served our residents with professionalism, compassion, and a strong commitment to protecting human life; and*

WHEREAS, *courage is not found only in extraordinary acts of heroism, but also in everyday decisions to answer another emergency call, comfort a frightened child, or bring calm to a family experiencing its worst day; and*

WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City recognizes that the sacrifices of first responders extend beyond the immediate dangers of their professions, including physical injuries, emotional trauma, long hours, missed family milestones, and the lasting effects of witnessing human suffering; and*

WHEREAS, *honoring first responders requires more than words of appreciation; it requires a continued commitment to providing appropriate training, equipment, staffing, mental health resources, workplace protections, and the support necessary for them to serve our community safely and return home to their loved ones; and*

WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City's strength comes from the trust, compassion, accountability, and mutual respect shared between our residents and those entrusted with their safety, and we recognize the importance of continually strengthening those relationships across every neighborhood and community in our city;*

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor of Salt Lake City hereby recognize October 28, 2026, as National First Responders Day in Salt Lake City, and express their deepest appreciation to the dedicated professionals who serve and protect our community and encourage all residents to recognize and thank the first responders who serve our city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor of Salt Lake City honor the memory of those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, extend their enduring gratitude to their families, recognize the sacrifices made by all first responders and their loved ones, and reaffirm its commitment to supporting the safety, physical and mental well-being, professional development, and necessary resources of our first responders.

Adopted this 10th day of November 2026.

Erin Mendenhall
Salt Lake City Mayor

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Salt Lake City Council Member, District Two

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