

## ERIN MENDENHALL Mayor

## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, communities across the United States observe a week of action to stop hate in response to a rise in expressions of hate and intolerance; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years, Utah has seen an increase in hate crimes directed at the LGBTQ community and others based on race, ethnicity, and religion; and

**WHEREAS**, United Against Hate Week affirms values of safety and belonging for all; and

**WHEREAS**, the week-long observance provides communities with support and resources to respond to and prevent hate and build inclusion and equity; and

**WHEREAS**, Salt Lake City Police Department is committed to taking immediate action upon learning of possible hate crimes and those who believe they've been a victim of a hate crime can contact 801-799-3000 or 9-1-1 in an in-progress or life-threatening emergency to report it or speak to a victim advocate; and

**WHEREAS**, Salt Lake City is committed to ongoing work to build trust with all communities and create effective avenues for the intervention and prevention of hate incidents and hate crimes; and

**WHEREAS**, it requires intentional effort from each individual to cultivate inclusive and compassionate environments in every corner of the city, in every neighborhood, and every city department to increase understanding and empathy; and

**WHEREAS**, when we work together against hate, we can restore respect and civil discourse and embrace the strength of diversity to build a more inclusive city.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim September 21-27, 2024, as:

United Against Hate Week in Salt Lake City

September 20, 2024

Erin Mendenhall

Mayor