

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June 6, 2024, marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day and honors the bravery and sacrifices of veterans in the United States who served in World War II, the deadliest war in history; and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 1944, brave Allied soldiers commenced the D-Day operation as part of Operation Overlord, which drove the successful liberation of Nazi-occupied Europe; and

WHEREAS, D-Day is the largest amphibious invasion in military history and included more than 7,000 ships, 12,000 aircraft, and 156,000 Allied troops who landed in Normandy by air, land, and sea; and

WHEREAS, brave Allied soldiers fought for peace, security, and freedom along a 50-mile stretch on the Normandy coastline, sacrificing their lives; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City is eternally grateful for all of its veterans, and with this proclamation, will continue to acknowledge and celebrate their dedication to maintaining our freedom in the past, the present, and the future of our country; and

WHEREAS, "The Girl Who Wore Freedom," a documentary sharing the stories of men, women, and children of Normandy, France, will be screened in Salt Lake City for the 80th anniversary of D-Day; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City seeks to acknowledge all World War II liberating veterans of Salt Lake City and veterans who followed in their footsteps for their sacrifices and contributions to securing liberty for their country; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, proclaim June 6, 2024, as:

D-Day Remembrance Day in Salt Lake City

June 6, 2024

Erin Mendenhall Mayor