

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the rate of unintentional injuries and deaths in the United States remains at unacceptable levels;

WHEREAS, improving safety engagement, promoting roadway safety, reducing risk, and mitigating falls remain critical to preventing injuries and deaths in Salt Lake City and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the cost of unintentional injuries to workers and their employers exceeds \$167 billion each year and causes great suffering among individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City residents and all workers deserve to live in communities that promote safe and healthy living; and

WHEREAS, preventing unintentional injuries and deaths requires the cooperation of all levels of government, employers, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council, founded in 1913, was congressionally chartered in 1953 to lead in injury prevention through safety and health information, education, training, and advocacy in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council and the Utah Safety Council work to promote policies, practices, and procedures leading to increased safety, protection, and health in business and industry, in schools and colleges, on roads and highways, and in homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the National Safety Council and the Utah Safety Council will provide a month-long public education campaign; and

WHEREAS, the summer season is a time of increased rates of unintentional injuries and deaths; it is an appropriate time to focus attention on injury risks and prevention.

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

SAFETY MONTH in Salt Lake City

and strongly urge residents and businesses to observe National Safety Month by practicing safe and healthy behaviors in all aspects of their lives.

Dated June 1 of 2024

Erin Mendenhall Mayor