ERIN MENDENHALL
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April marks the 53rd anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act, which seeks to eliminate discrimination in housing opportunities and to affirmatively further housing choices for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has declared April to be "Fair Housing Month" with the theme of "Call HUD – Fair Housing - More than Just Words"; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City welcomes this opportunity join the Federal Government and state and local jurisdictions across America in this celebration of the rich diversity of our people and the right of all citizens to live where they choose without fear of discrimination, regardless of: race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status and national origin; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City led the way to further protect individuals from housing discrimination, by enacted the Fair Housing Policy of 2009, as amended, to include: sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, of which Salt Lake County and the State of Utah later enacted; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City affirms the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, which significantly expanded housing protections to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking across HUD's core housing and homelessness programs; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake City implemented in 2017, *Growing SLC: A Five Year Housing Plan, 2018-2022*, with the guiding principle to create an equitable city by ensuring access to all city amenities for all citizens while treating everyone equitably with fairness, justice, and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erin Mendenhall, Mayor of Salt Lake City, in my commitment to geographic equity, inclusion and belonging, and righting unjust and unfair housing policies and practices, do hereby proclaim April 2021, as:

FAIR HOUSING MONTH in Salt Lake City

Dated the April 8 of 2021

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Erin Mendenhall
Mayor