## Proclamation of the City of South Jordan

In Recognition of Religious Freedom Day

**Whereas,** the United States Congress in 1992 set aside January 16<sup>th</sup> as "Religious Freedom Day" to honor the passage of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom in 1786; and

Whereas, Religious Freedom Day has been recognized by presidential and State proclamations annually, and

Whereas, many of the first immigrants to our nation came to these shores motivated by their desire for religious liberty so that they could worship according to the dictates of their own consciences and our forefathers saw fit to protect and support freedom of religion by establishing it in the first amendment of the United States Constitution; and

Whereas, those of faith, and those of no faith, have common goals of unity, love, service, mutual civility, and a desire to live true to belief and conscience; and

Whereas, we seek mutual respect and fairness to all;

Whereas, the right to exercise one's own individual conscience is a critical and essential element in the fabric of American culture and history which serves as a beacon of freedom in the world and we recognize ones faith is core to an individual's identity and humanity; and

Whereas, we invite others to defend freedom of religion, including the long standing Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

**BE IT PROCLAIMED** to all that reside within the bounds of the City of South Jordan, Salt Lake County, State of Utah; that for evermore, declare January 16<sup>th</sup> as "Religious Freedom Day".

## **Religious Freedom Day**

Signed this 16 <sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2024	4
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Dawn R. Ramsey, Mayor	
ATTEST:	
Anna Crookston, City Recorder	

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