

RESOLUTION R2024-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH, PROCLAIMING JANUARY 16, 2024 AS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY IN THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN.

WHEREAS, the United States Congress in 1992 set aside January 16th 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; and

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 one's 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH:

SECTION 1. The City Council recognizes the religious freedom of all residents of the City of South Jordan, commemorates the enactment of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom on January 16, 1786, and declares January 16th each year as “Religious Freedom Day” in the City of South Jordan.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH,
ON THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

| | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
|----------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|
| Patrick Harris | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Kathie Johnson | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Donald Shelton | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Tamara Zander | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Jason McGuire | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Mayor: _____
Dawn R. Ramsey

Attest: _____
City Recorder

Approved as to form:


Ryan W. Loose (Dec 28, 2023 09:00 MST)

Office of the City Attorney