

Salt Lake County



Proclamation

WHEREAS, across the country, communities will celebrate national Welcoming Week on September 10-19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County is home to people of all backgrounds, including those who were not born in the United States, but now call it home; and

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County celebrated its first annual Welcoming Week in 2016, and became Certified Welcoming on June 19, 2018 to continue to promote compassion, unity, and respect, with a shared vision that all community residents should be valued and protected; and

WHEREAS, our County depends on making sure that all feel welcome here. Today, new residents are a vital part of our community — bringing fresh perspectives and new ideas, starting businesses, and contributing to the vibrant diversity that we all value; and

WHEREAS, today, more than ever, we see an increased need to welcome those fleeing conflict, oppression, and unrest in countries all over the world, especially the thousands of Afghans fleeing violence and political strife; and

WHEREAS, this week, we honor the spirit of unity that is bringing neighbors together across Salt Lake County. During Welcoming Week, we invite all of Salt Lake County to join this movement of communities nationwide by renewing our commitment to our core American values and by taking action in the spirit of welcoming. By working together, we can achieve greater prosperity and make our community the kind of place where diverse people from around the world feel valued and want to put down roots; and

WHEREAS, regardless of where we are born or what we look like, we are residents united in our efforts to build a stronger community. By recognizing the contributions that we all make to create a vibrant culture and a growing economy, we make our community more prosperous and more inclusive to all who call it home; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Mayors and elected leaders of Salt Lake County, and cities throughout Salt Lake County, do hereby proclaim September 10, 2021 – September 19, 2021, as

Welcoming Week in Salt Lake County

and encourage the business community, civic groups, other units of government, and community institutions to undertake initiatives beyond this proclamation, to make the region a welcoming place for new and long-term residents alike.

