

Salt Lake County

Proclamation for 2024 National Infertility Awareness Week

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

WHEREAS, infertility is a complex and devastating diagnosis that can cause serious physical, social, mental, and financial consequences; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 7 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy, and 1 in every 6 people of reproductive age worldwide experience infertility in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Survey of Family Growth, 7.4 million women have received infertility services in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, or socioeconomic level; and

WHEREAS, the financial burden of infertility treatment creates a barrier for many couples who are faced with family building alternatives such as in vitro fertilization, adoption, surrogacy, or other third party options; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake County Council joins with Infertility Connections, the National Infertility Association, dedicated volunteers, health care professionals, and members of the infertility and family building community in raising awareness about infertility and the challenges that it brings to individuals and couples struggling with it;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Salt Lake County Council does hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2024, as National Infertility Awareness Week for Salt Lake County.

Signed this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Mayor Wilson

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