

# Mayor Jennifer Wilson



## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, recent unrest in Israel and the Gaza Strip marked the worst outbreak of violence between Israel and Hamas since the war in 2014; and

*WHEREAS*, the fighting spawned violent acts of anti-Semitism and Islamophobia throughout the world, including in Salt Lake County; and

*WHEREAS*, on May 25, 2021, in response to the violence, Muslim and Jewish faith communities and organizations in Utah, as friends and partners in peace, issued a joint statement of solidarity; and

*WHEREAS*, the joint statement expressed unequivocal rejection of “any acts of violence or destruction towards Muslims, Jews, or their places of communal gathering and worship;” and

*WHEREAS*, as the seeds of conflict were sown across the world, our Utah Muslim and Jewish faith and communal leaders reminded us that “local Muslims and Jews are not combatants nor enemies, rather they are neighbors;” and

*WHEREAS*, the expression of peace and unity has inspired Salt Lake County residents and communities throughout the state to “extend a hand in love and friendship to one another.”

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Jenny Wilson, Mayor of Salt Lake County, recognize the 24 Utah Muslim and Jewish organizations that boldly spoke out against bigotry and violence and spoke up for peace; and do hereby proclaim Tuesday, June 8, 2021 as

## Peace Day in Salt Lake County

On this day may we all respond to the invitation of Muslim and Jewish leaders to join them in “praying for peace and for a better tomorrow.”

Adopted on this 8th day of June, 2021

Jennifer Wilson  
Mayor

