

**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 2, 2025,
AS START BY BELIEVING DAY IN SALT LAKE CITY**

WHEREAS, *Salt Lake City shares a critical concern for victims of sexual violence and intimate partner violence and a desire to support their needs for justice and healing; and*

WHEREAS, *sexual assault, rape, child sexual abuse, and domestic violence are of epidemic proportions. One in three Utah women experience sexual assault and/or domestic violence in their lifetimes, and one in seven Utah children experience child sexual abuse; and*

WHEREAS, *current estimates suggest that a significant amount of sexual assaults are not reported to law enforcement, with a small number reported resulting in the conviction and incarceration of the perpetrator; and*

WHEREAS, *research documents that victims are far more likely to disclose their sexual assault to a friend or family member, and when these loved ones respond with doubt, shame, or blame, victims suffer additional negative effects on their physical and psychological well-being; and*

WHEREAS, *the Start by Believing public awareness campaign, a program of End Violence Against Women International, is designed to improve the responses of friends, family members, and community professionals to help victims access supportive resources and engage with the criminal justice system; and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor of Salt Lake City officially designate April 2, 2025, along with the first Wednesday of April each year as Start by Believing Day.

Adopted this 1st day of April 2025.

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