



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, flooding causes more damage in the United States than any other severe weather-related event;

Whereas, the potential for flooding and flash flooding increases during the winter and spring seasons in Utah;

Whereas, nine of Utah's 11 major disaster declarations from the past four decades have been related to flooding;

Whereas, Utah and the western United States rely on spring runoff from mountain snowpack for city, agriculture, and industry water supplies;

Whereas, Utahns can prepare themselves for flooding and other natural disasters by having a disaster supply kit containing food, water, clothing, and supplies;

Whereas, flood insurance policies are available to most Utahns, yet few take advantage of this resource to help in recovery from a flooding emergency; and

Whereas, government agencies and many volunteer organizations are committed to helping educate Utahns about flood hazards, thereby helping prepare our residents and businesses before floods strike, protecting lives and livelihoods;

And, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the great State of Utah, hereby declare March 12-18, 2017, as

Flood Safety Awareness Week

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