



Gary Richard Herbert

Utah Preparedness Month

Whereas, National Preparedness Month is observed annually in remembrance of the tragedies of September 11, 2001;

Whereas, September also marks the peak of hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean;

Whereas, the ravages of Hurricanes Irma and Harvey are devastating American citizens in southern states and territories;

Whereas, Utah is a landlocked state and at no risk of witnessing the devastation wrought by hurricanes and tropical storms, but remains sympathetic to the plight of our countrymen and neighboring nations;

Whereas, Utah is at risk for terrorist attacks and natural disasters, including: earthquakes, wildfires, avalanches, floods, landslides, tornadoes, and droughts;

Whereas, the importance of emergency preparedness cannot be understated, and the State of Utah encourages its residents to prepare for the unknown by taking steps to create emergency supply kits, develop disaster and communication plans, and by staying informed;

Whereas, the Utah Department of Public Safety and the Division of Emergency Management, along with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Centers for Disease Control, and numerous other organizations are equipped to provide information and assistance to those working to develop emergency plans and better prepare themselves; and,

Whereas, we encourage Utahns to access beready.utah.gov for further information on preparedness;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare, September 2017 as

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Gary R. Herbert
Governor