



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, residents who live in rural communities make up approximately a quarter of Utah's population;

Whereas, the health care needs of rural residents are unique in many ways, and health care and medical services must be tailored to meet those needs;

Whereas, in order to ensure that rural health care professionals are able to provide adequate medical services to their patients, it is necessary to address challenges and issues related to geographic barriers, transportation, and infrastructure and broadband telecommunication requirements;

Whereas, the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health within the Utah Department of Health and other agencies and organizations concerned with rural health care not only provide services and resources but also foster relationships with patients, families, and community leaders that help rural communities address challenges and meet their residents' health care needs; and

Whereas, the State of Utah encourages educating the public, the medical community, and additional stakeholders about the importance of providing adequate medical and health care services to rural residents, and commends health care providers for their efforts to reach out to all residents in rural areas throughout the State;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare November 15-21, 2015, as

Rural Health Week in Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gary R. Herbert'.

Gary R. Herbert
Governor