



Gary Richard Herbert
Governor
Declaration

Whereas, residents living in rural Utah communities constitute approximately one quarter of Utah's total population;

Whereas, the health care needs of rural residents are unique, and healthcare 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 services to their patients, it is necessary to address challenges and issues related to geographic barriers, transportation, infrastructure, and broadband telecommunication requirements;

Whereas, rural hospitals are often economic foundations in their communities, with every dollar spent generating approximately \$2.20 for the local economy; and,

Whereas, the State of Utah encourages efforts to educate the public on the importance of providing medical and health care services to rural residents, and commends the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, health care providers, and others for their efforts to impact residents in rural areas throughout the State;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Hebert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare November 12-18, 2017, as

Rural Health Week in Utah

Gary R. Herbert
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