



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, Utah provides outstanding adventures for families and individuals in the great outdoors amid the natural splendors of state and national parks, national monuments and forests, and other public lands;

Whereas, hiking, biking, climbing, skiing, horseback riding, ATV driving, hunting, fishing, camping, swimming, boating, river running, and many other activities allow Utah residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy the physical and mental benefits of outdoor recreation;

Whereas, enjoyment of the great outdoors not only lets us acclaim Utah's commitment to conserve and protect our air, water, wildlife, landscapes, and lands, but also contributes significantly to conservation efforts through the collection of user fees, licenses, and taxes;

Whereas, recreational users of the great outdoors are among the most active volunteers in Utah, removing invasive species and restoring habitat along waterways, trails, and ski slopes, staffing visitors centers and campgrounds, and organizing outdoor programs and events;

Whereas, many of Utah's important cultural and historic events and traditions are linked to places that belong to national, state, and local park systems, and the Great Outdoors Month connects all of us to the outdoors through diverse events, including National Trails Day, National Fishing and Boating Week, and National Get Outdoors Day

Whereas, the economic impact of the outdoor recreation industry is significant and is growing both locally—contributing \$12 billion a year to the economy and supporting more than 122,000 jobs in Utah—and nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures; and,

Whereas, Utah values the successful stewardship of public lands and continually endeavors to preserve important landscapes and landmarks while balancing the need for available outdoor recreation opportunities for all to enjoy;

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

Great Outdoors Month in Utah

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