



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor Declaration

Whereas, the earth sciences contribute to our understanding, appreciation, and respect for nature;

Whereas, geology and other earth sciences play a fundamental role in the safety, and health and welfare of Utahns, as well as our economy;

Whereas, the earth sciences are an integral part of locating, developing and conserving mineral, energy, and water resources required for Utah's continuing prosperity;

Whereas, the earth sciences provide the basis for preparing for and mitigating natural hazards such as earthquakes, floods, landslides, expansive soils and subsidence found in Utah;

Whereas, the earth sciences are crucial to environmental and ecological issues ranging from water and air quality to waste disposal; and

Whereas, geological resources, hazards and environment are vital to land management and land use decisions made in Utah;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare October 11-17, 2009, as

Earth Science Week
Gary R. Herbert
Governor