



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, the State of Utah is home to many venues and vistas that make it one of the most diverse and beautiful places to visit;

Whereas, the Division of Utah State Parks and Recreation has seen a decreasing budget due to challenging economic times, with no new funding in sight for operations or replacement of aging facilities, yet all 43 state parks remain open;

Whereas, our state park system hosts 4.8 million visitors each year, which translates to \$67 million in economic impact to the State;

Whereas, the Division of Utah State Parks and Recreation manages 86,000 acres of land and more than 1.5 million surface acres of water;

Whereas, a group of six Utahns, of their own accord, piled into an RV and drove approximately 2,200 miles, visiting all 43 state parks within 72 hours in order to draw attention to our beautiful park system;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare the week of August 1 - 7, 2011, as

Utah State Parks Road Trip Week

And in doing so, urge all Utahns to experience a road trip to one or more of our state parks and other uniquely beautiful locations within our great state.

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