



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor Declaration

Whereas, twenty-first century jobs require an increasing amount of college education and training;

Whereas, a college education has been found to greatly influence one's success and well-being, resulting in a significant increase in lifetime earnings and overall quality of life;

Whereas, a more educated population has been correlated with reduced crime, increased rates of volunteerism, and improved public health;

Whereas, more than 90 percent of students in junior high express an interest in going to college, yet less than two-thirds actually attend;

Whereas, as Utah's population becomes increasingly diverse, it is important for first-generation and low-income students to understand they are college material; and,

Whereas, Utah College Application events provide high school seniors across the state the opportunity to apply to college during the school day, with a particular emphasis on first-generation and low-income students who are less likely to apply to college;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare October 2020 as

Utah College Application and Awareness Month

Gary R. Herbert
Governor