



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, a higher education is becoming increasingly valued and necessary in today's ever evolving global economy;

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, Utah's colleges and universities are among the most affordable in the nation and offer unparalleled opportunities for attendees;

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, higher education leaders must help students discover the path that best suits their needs, whether that means a one-, two-, or four-year degree - all educational levels lead to greater opportunity;

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

Whereas, it is important for first-generation and non-traditional students to recognize the opportunities that exist for them and understand they are college material;

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

Utah College Application Month

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gary R. Herbert'.

Gary R. Herbert
Governor