# Gary Richard Herbert

## Governor

# Declaration

**Whereas**, residents who live in rural communities make up approximately one quarter of Utah's population;

**Whereas**, the health care needs of rural residents are unique;

**Whereas**, to ensure rural health care professionals are able to provide adequate services to their patients, it is necessary to address challenges and issues related to geographic barriers, transportation, infrastructure, and broadband telecommunication requirements;

**Whereas**, rural hospitals are often economic foundations in their communities;

**Whereas**, the efforts of state agencies, private and non-profit organizations can support local economies by investing in sustainable projects that train residents for and create highly skilled jobs and enable Utahns in rural communities to prosper; and

**Whereas**, the State of Utah encourages educating the public about the importance of proving medical and health care services to rural residents, and commends the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health, health care providers, and others for their efforts to reach out to all residents in rural areas throughout the State;

**Now, therefore**, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare the week of November 18-22, 2019 as,

# Rural Health Week in Utah

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