



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor
Declaration

Whereas, strong, healthy, and happy families are the foundation of society;

Whereas, we depend on families to protect us and provide for our needs from the moment we are born;

Whereas, our first relationships are formed with our family members; and, our first social experiences, life lessons, and values are often instilled in us through our familial environment;

Whereas, parents and guardians are the most powerful support system for children;

Whereas, research shows the likelihood of child abuse and neglect can be reduced by increasing protective factors such as: providing parents with support in times of need, enhancing parental resilience, providing options for social connections, facilitating community knowledge of parenting and child development, and supporting the development and well-being of children; and,

Whereas, the Utah Association of Family Support Centers serves as a critical resource for families during times of high stress, emergencies, or crisis by offering support, crisis/respice nurseries, and education;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare May 14-June 18, 2017 (the five weeks between Mother's Day and Father's Day), as

Utah Family Month

Gary R. Herbert
Governor