



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, readily abundant forms of diverse energy are powering more homes and businesses across Utah than ever before;

Whereas, Utah's efficient base-load resources, including fossil, geothermal, biomass and hydro, support the development of Utah's rapidly growing intermittent solar and wind resources, including 800 MW of new utility-scale solar scheduled to go online in the upcoming three years;

Whereas, Utah is committed to advancing affordable, reliable, and clean energy through an 'all of the above' market-based approach to developing Utah's high-quality renewable solar, wind, hydro, geothermal, biomass, and energy storage resources, as well as driving advanced technology and infrastructure to utilize more cleanly and efficiently its abundant fossil and nuclear resources;

Whereas, the effectiveness of Utah's 'all of the above' market-based approach has been demonstrated with significant environmental improvements, including a fifteen percent carbon-emission reduction from its electricity generation portfolio during the past decade;

Whereas, Utah's diverse energy sector, including its renewable energy sector, is a growing part of the economy and has been a key driver of Utah's economic success, and, recognizing Utah's largely fossil-based affordable and reliable energy has supported Utah's overall nation-leading economy, while the renewable energy sector has created thousands of new direct jobs over the past several years;

Whereas, significant potential for continued growth of renewable energy jobs exists in Utah, including in the crucial areas of energy storage and energy efficiency, and these jobs can contribute significantly to the growth and diversification of local economies;

Therefore, as our country celebrates National Clean Energy Week, I encourage individuals and organizations in Utah to support commonsense solutions that address America's economic and energy needs in the 21st Century. I also encourage municipalities and individuals to advance Utah's goals of providing cleaner, more affordable energy through innovation, and strategic infrastructure and technology investments;

Therefore, we must harness the power of Utah's entrepreneurs and small businesses and ensure government collaboration to assure Utah's and the U.S.'s continued energy leadership in the global marketplace and assure low-cost, reliable energy here at home;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare September 25-29, 2017, as

National Clean Energy Week in Utah

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