



Gary Richard Herbert
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, all children in Utah should have the right to the highest-quality schools possible;

Whereas, citizens across Utah agree that improving the quality of education in Utah and expanding access to highly effective schools should be an issue of importance to our State's leaders;

Whereas, Utah recognizes the critical role that an effective and accountable system of education plays in preparing all children in Utah to be successful in a global economy;

Whereas, Utah has a multitude of high-quality public schools, public charter schools, and non-public schools;

Whereas, Utah has many high-quality teaching professionals in public, private and charter schools across Utah who are committed to educating children;

Whereas, the vital cause of education reform is one that transcends ideology and political party affiliation; and

Whereas, research in Utah and across our nation conclusively demonstrates that providing children with multiple schooling options improves academic performance;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, do hereby recognize the week of January 23-29, 2012 as

School Choice Week in Utah

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