



Gary Richard Herbert
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, there are an estimated 25 million cloud-to-ground lightning strikes in the United States each year, placing at risk those who are recreating or working outdoors;

Whereas, each year in the United States, lightning causes an average of nearly sixty deaths and many more people are left with devastating and permanent disabilities;

Whereas, in Utah, lightning has claimed the lives of sixty-one people since 1950, more than any other thunderstorm-related hazard;

Whereas, past experiences have shown that a well-informed and prepared public can help reduce the loss of life and damage to property when threatened by lightning; and

Whereas, government agencies and many volunteer organizations are committed to helping Utahns attain a better understanding of lightning safety;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare June 20-26, 2010 as

Lightning Safety Awareness Week

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