



Gary Richard Herbert
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, native wildlife populations are an integral part of Utah's natural environment and serve as an indicator for the overall health of Utah's statewide ecosystems;

Whereas, each year in the United States, more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are struck on roads and highways;

Whereas, the average cost of property damage from these collisions is more than \$1 billion, and the total cost annually is \$8.4 billion;

Whereas, the success of wildlife movement and survival in Utah remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and

Whereas, wildlife watching is a very popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists, as well as locals;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare September 18- 24, 2011, as

Watch Out for Wildlife Awareness Week

Gary R. Herbert
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