



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, November marks the 12th Alternative Fuels Awareness Month which raises public awareness, influences fleet and consumer choice, and encourages the advanced development of clean transportation in Utah;

Whereas, the Governor's Energy Action Plan, developed under the guidance of the Governor's Office of Energy Development and in partnership with diverse stakeholders, calls for infrastructure for Alternative Fuels;

Whereas, it is important to diversify transportation fuels and advance fleet technologies with alternative fuel vehicles in order to reduce emissions, build healthier communities through improved air quality, and diversify stateside energy reserves and to preserve our natural resources;

Whereas, manufacturers currently offer nearly 800 models of alternative fuel vehicles, including hybrid, plug-in hybrid, battery-electric, propane Autogas, compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, flex-fuel, ethanol, and hydrogen across light and heavy-duty vehicle markets;

Whereas, the emerging portfolio of advanced fueled vehicles that operate on domestically-produced sources continue to ensure energy security, including renewable fuels produced from Utah-sourced agricultural and municipal wastes and all the renewable options for electric, propane, compressed natural gas, ethanol and biodiesel;

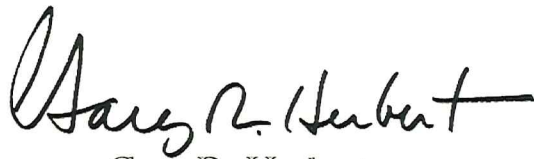
Whereas, the State of Utah, working collaboratively with the Utah Clean Cities Coalition, United States Department of Energy, Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Department of Transportation, continues to plan for the expansion of Utah's existing Alternative Fuel Corridor with a diverse fueling portfolio along the I-15 corridor and other designated roadways, thus connecting Utah's cities, towns, national parks, monuments, recreation areas, and scenic byways with neighboring states and regional networks;

Whereas, a Memorandum of Understanding, overseen by the Utah Governor's Office of Energy Development, between Utah and seven western states was updated in 2019 to provide a coordinated framework for developing an Intermountain West Electric Vehicle Corridor across the region; and,

Whereas, the Department of Energy Vehicle Technology Office awarded a regional grant, to State Energy Offices from: Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming in collaboration with the National Association of Energy Offices, and further supported by eight regional Clean Cities Coalitions to coordinate and enhance electric vehicle charging infrastructure for rural communities;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare November 2020, as

Alternative Fuels Awareness Month in Utah



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