



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, idling vehicles emit hazardous particulate matter that, when inhaled, are known to cause serious health problems, especially for children and sensitive populations;

Whereas, Utah created the first Idle Free campaign in the nation, and 2021 marks the fourteenth year of the Utah Governor's Declaration of the Idle Free Month and Idle Free Season;

Whereas, we seek to educate and promote zero-emissions through innovative and educational strategies such as the nationally recognized Turn your Key, Be Idle Free program;

Whereas, the U.S. transportation sector consumes more than six billion gallons of diesel fuel and gasoline annually while stationary and roughly half of that fuel is wasted by people idling passenger vehicles;

Whereas, the encouragement of driver training and Idle Free fleet operation by Utah public and private fleets has culminated in the reduction of carbon emissions equaling more than 12,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions over the past eight years, amounting to over 1.2 million gallons of gasoline saved in Utah alone;

Whereas, we continue to support and develop innovative idle reduction programs to further inform community members about the benefits of reduced idling, including the training of over 3,000 school bus drivers annually on Idle Free vehicle operations;

Whereas, over 15,000 students across 450 schools have participated in Idle Free education programs, resulting in commitments from Salt Lake City, Park City, Granite, and Canyons School Districts to be Idle Free campuses, with attention dedicated to drop-off and pick-up zones where children are most exposed;

Whereas, the Turn your Key, Be Idle Free Education program continues to grow with the support from the Utah Legislature and the state-wide engagement of the Utah Clean Air Partnership and Utah's Bipartisan Clean Air Caucus;

Whereas, the cities of Alta, Cottonwood Heights, Draper, Holladay, Lehi, Logan, Murray, Park City, Salt Lake City, Sandy, South Jordan, and Springdale; Salt Lake County; and Zion National Park have been declared Idle Free;

Whereas, we commend the efforts of Intermountain Healthcare in promoting clean air practices with Idle Free Zones on their campuses across the state, thus ensuring a healthy environment among the sensitive populations that visit these facilities for health and wellness care; and,

Whereas, over seventy Utah Mayors, representing three out of every four Utahns in both urban and rural cities, have supported this worthy endeavor;

Now, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare the month of September 2021 and the 2021-2022 Winter Season as

Idle Free in Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer J. Cox". The signature is stylized with a large initial "S" and a prominent flourish at the end.

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