



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, Utahns who live in rural communities make up approximately 10% of Utah's population;

Whereas, the health care needs of rural Utahns are unique, and health care and medical services must be tailored to meet those needs;

Whereas, in order for rural health care professionals to provide adequate services to their patients, it is necessary to address challenges and issues related to geographic barriers, transportation, infrastructure, and broadband telecommunications requirements;

Whereas, hospitals in rural Utah are often economic foundations in their communities; and,

Whereas, the efforts of state agencies, as well as private and nonprofit organizations, can support local economies by investing in sustainable projects that train people for and create highly skilled jobs and enable Utahns in rural communities to prosper;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare Nov. 13-18, 2023, as

Rural Health Week in Utah

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Spencer J. Cox".

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