



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

## Declaration

Whereas, for thousands of years, this spectacular, abundant expanse of the West we call Utah has been home to numerous indigenous peoples, including the Navajo, Shoshone, Goshute, Paiute, and Ute who bequeathed the state its name;

Whereas, we use this time to reflect on the history of indigenous-settler relations, and pay special attention to the atrocities perpetrated by our forefathers – committing ourselves to avoid the mistakes of our past and forge a brighter future;

Whereas, we acknowledge the legacy and contributions of Utah's Native American tribes by developing greater understanding of tribal sovereignty, governments, history, values, languages, social customs, music, and art;

Whereas, we seek to promote the advancement of Native American culture and opportunity in every facet of society: education, art, science, government, industry, and business; and,

Whereas, we value both Utah's rich multicultural heritage and our residents' racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity, recognizing that they are essential to the State's continuing vitality and prosperity;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare November 2018 as

Native American Heritage Month

and November 2, 2018, as

Indigenous Day in Utah

Gary R. Herbert  
Governor