



Gary Richard Herbert  
Governor  
Declaration

Whereas, Utah has a rich heritage as a crossroads of communications technologies from the invention of television by native son Philo T. Farnsworth to the robust fiber-optic networks and media services of today;

Whereas, 2019 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary joining of the Transcontinental Railroad in Utah, laying a foundation for telegraph and network lines across the country;

Whereas, 2019 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary joining of the fourth node of ARPANET, predecessor to the Internet in Utah;

Whereas, these innovations have led to the success of public media as a hallmark of communications technologies harnessed for the general welfare and public good;

Whereas, 2019 marks the first time that nearly 400 professionals from public media stations across the United States, including leaders

from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and PBS, gather in Utah to participate in the National Educational Telecommunications Association conference;

Whereas, the services of public media continue to advance excellence through programs delivered over the air, online, and in-person that educate, engage, and inspire;

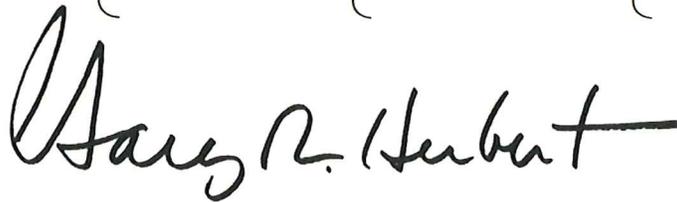
Whereas, Utah has the highest number of over-the-air broadcast viewing households in the nation and the highest number of broadcast translators that relay signals across our vast and varied terrain;

Whereas, it is in the public interest to grow and develop public media programs and services that respond to and reflect local issues and concerns;

Whereas, Utah is proud to recognize the countless contributions public media stations have made to advance our Nation's instructional, educational, cultural, and civic purposes;

Now therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare January 21-28 as

Public Media Week in Utah



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