



Gary Richard Herbert

Proclamation

Whereas, the first world war, famously known as The Great War, erupted in Europe on July 28, 1914, and became the defining military and political conflict of the modern era;

Whereas, the United States of America entered the war on April 6, 1917, and provided more than four million Americans willing and able to serve in uniform throughout the war effort;

Whereas, at a time when some questioned the loyalty of Utah to the United States, Utahns responded immediately to the call of duty, sending approximately 21,000 of their sons and daughters to the war;

Whereas, 864 Utahns were wounded in WWI, and 665 Utahns gave their lives in support of their country;

Whereas, Utahns volunteered countless hours on the home front, particularly with the state and community councils of defense, helping to mobilize and coordinate the war effort in Utah;

Whereas, it is incumbent upon us to remember the sacrifices made by Utahns during WWI, especially the soldiers and their families, and to recognize the effects of the war on Utah and the world; and,

Whereas, April 2017 marks the centennial of American involvement in World War I;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the great State of Utah, do hereby declare April 2017, as

April 2017 Commemoration Month

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