



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, on May 13, 2021 a State of Emergency was declared in Utah due to drought conditions;

Whereas, the state of Utah experienced a record dry and near record hot calendar year in 2020;

Whereas, Utah has experienced exceptionally low soil moisture and reservoir storage, the statewide snowpack reached approximately 81% of normal and peaked 10 days early, and all forecasts for spring runoff for the state are below 76% of the state seasonal average;

Whereas, these extreme drought conditions have adversely and significantly impacted agribusiness and livestock production, as well as wildlife and natural habitats;

Whereas, increased recreation in dry conditions has contributed to an increased and prolonged threat of wildfire across the state;

Whereas, our state is in great need of relief from the dangers this prolonged drought presents;

Whereas, I invite all Utahns to join me in praying for rain to relieve our state from this drought;

Whereas, prayer is powerful and I encourage all Utahns regardless of religious affiliation to join together on this weekend of prayer; and,

Whereas, rain would provide relief to the agribusiness, livestock production, wildlife and natural habitats as well as raise the water levels in our reservoirs for summer activities and lower the wildfire risk;

Now, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare June 4 through June 6, 2021, as a

Weekend of Prayer in Utah

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

Spencer J. Cox
Governor