



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

## Declaration

**Whereas**, residents who live in rural communities make up approximately one-quarter of Utah's population;

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

**Whereas**, in order to ensure that rural health care professionals are able to provide adequate services to their patients, it is necessary to address challenges and issues related to geographic barriers, transportation, infrastructure and broadband telecommunication requirements;

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

**Whereas**, the efforts of state agencies, private and non-profit organizations can support local economies by investing in sustainable projects that train residents for and create highly skilled jobs and enable Utahns in rural communities to prosper;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare November 14-18, 2022, as

**Rural Health Week in Utah**

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