



Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, Utah is grateful for the service of the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces and is proud to be home to more than 16,000 active duty, National Guard and Reserve service members and their families;

Whereas, almost 600,000 military families move to new communities each year, with nearly half of these permanent change of station moves occurring during the summer;

Whereas, only 30 percent of military family respondents to the Blue Star Families 2021 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community;

Whereas, Blue Star Families and the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs seek to empower military families by connecting them with their neighbors — individuals and organizations — to create vibrant communities of mutual support;

Whereas, Blue Star Families annually designates the week beginning the last Saturday in September and concluding eight days thereafter as “Blue Star Welcome Week” to connect with and support transitioning military families;

Whereas, we commit to supporting our military and Veteran-connected families and ensure they feel welcome in Utah and have a strong sense of belonging to their local civilian communities; and,

Whereas, we express gratitude for the sacrifices made by service members, veterans, and their families;

Now, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare September 24 through October 2, 2022, as

Blue Star Welcome Week in Utah

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