



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

## Declaration

**Whereas**, Blue Star Families annually designates the last week in September as Blue Star Welcome Week;

**Whereas**, during this week we recognize the more than 600,000 active-duty and transitioning military families who move to new communities each year;

**Whereas**, the majority of these “permanent change of station” (PCS) moves occur during the summer;

**Whereas**, only 27 percent of military family respondents to the 2020 Military Family Lifestyle Survey reported that they feel a sense of belonging to their local civilian community;

**Whereas**, a sense of belonging is important to the wellbeing and readiness of active-duty military families;

**Whereas**, we recognize and take pride in the social, economic, and cultural contributions our military families make in Utah; and,

**Whereas**, we commit to ensuring that military families feel a strong sense of belonging and respect in our state and local communities;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare the week of September 25<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, as

**Blue Star Welcome Week in Utah**

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor