



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

## Declaration

Whereas, this year marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the composition of *The Star-Spangled Banner*, which comes from the poem, *Defense of Fort McHenry*, written by Francis Scott Key;

Whereas, *The Star-Spangled Banner* was inspired by the sight of the American flag flying over Fort McHenry on the morning of September 14, 1814, to signal the Americans' victory over the British in the battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812;

Whereas, set to the tune of a song composed by John Stafford Smith, *The Star-Spangled Banner* became a popular piece of patriotic American music, and was made our National Anthem on March 3, 1931, when President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution;

Whereas, millions of Americans cherish and respect the currently accepted version of *The Star-Spangled Banner*, which is the "Service Version" prepared in 1918 by the War Department for use in Army and Navy song books;

Whereas, public and sporting events typically begin with the singing or playing of the National Anthem as a reaffirmation of patriotism and love of country; and

Whereas, the State of Utah joins the nationwide celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of *The Star-Spangled Banner*;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare September 14, 2014, as

*The Star-Spangled Banner*

Day in Utah

Gary R. Herbert  
Governor