

Jon Meade Huntsman, Jr.
Governor
Declaration

Whereas, Utah has been a leader and example of excellence in the nation in promoting civic education, character development and service learning;

Whereas, the leaders and citizens of Utah are encouraged to model the principles of civility, civic engagement and community service;

Whereas, education in the United States has historically been founded on the principle of educating for the purpose of learning responsible citizenship and democratic skills, and this tradition has continued to benefit us through the 21st century;

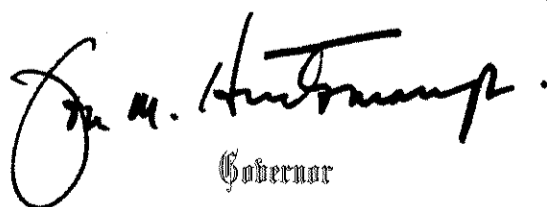
Whereas, civic education requires an understanding of, and appreciation for our nation's greatest values, principles and democratic ideals;

Whereas, civic engagement, service learning and character development teach critical components of effective citizenship, workplace readiness skills, and in reaching full human potential; and,

Whereas, the Utah Commission on Civic and Character Education and the Utah Coalition for Civic, Character and Service Learning are innovative initiatives which promote a Call to Action in our schools, institutions of higher education, and communities to accomplish their basic civic mission;

Now, Therefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare May 22, 2007, as

Civic Service Education Day


Governor