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Governor Herbert Proclaims Nov. 8-14 As ESGR Week

SALT LAKE CITY – Governor Gary R. Herbert will sign a declaration proclaiming Nov. 8-14, 2009, as Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve week in Utah in a ceremony at the State Capitol, Nov. 5, at 11:15 a.m.

Accepting the proclamation will be Bart Davis, state field chair for the Utah Committee for Support of the Guard and Reserve, Major General Brian L. Tarbet, Adjutant General for Utah National Guard and representatives from the various branches of the military Guard and Reserve in Utah.

“Every day, men and women put their lives on the line to honorably defend the United States,” Herbert said. “In recognition of their commitment, I have designated this week as Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week. It is important that we show support each and every day for these heroes in our communities.”

“The Utah ESGR volunteer committee appreciates the sacrifices made by our Guard and Reserve personnel,” said Bart Davis. “We understand that the sacrifices of these men and women are in many ways shared by their families and by their employers. We are proud of our citizen warriors as well as the support they receive from their employers.”

Major Gen. Tarbet said, “The Utah National Guard cannot successfully accomplish its mission without the great support we get from our civilian employers. Utah ESGR plays a key role ensuring that both our Soldiers and their employers benefit from our Soldiers’ service and deserve a lot of credit for that success. Whenever a Citizen-Soldier or Airman mobilizes for either a theater of war or in support of a state emergency, we know that we can count on the ESGR.”

The declaration reads in part, “The State of Utah has sent men and women to serve honorably in defense of the United States of America since its beginnings; and employers in the State of Utah are providing extraordinary patriotic support and cooperation to their employees ... it is appropriate that all Utah citizens support the men and women who faithfully serve as members of the military and especially those members of the Utah National Guard or Reserve Forces.”

Media Notes: The signing will be in the governor’s office at the State Capitol. Those interested in attending need to arrive by 10:45. Parking is available directly east and northeast of the Capitol. For questions, please contact Kim Watts at (801) 432-4492 or (801) 915-1400.