



Gary Richard Herbert

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, school buses provide more than 24 million children with safe transportation to and from school each day and travel 4 billion miles each year;

Whereas, there are approximately 450,000 school buses on the road nationwide, and 390,000 of those buses are diesel-powered;

Whereas, diesel school buses, particularly older models that lack emission control devices, emit particulate matter and other pollutants in diesel exhaust that can pose health hazards to children;

Whereas, these pollutants, when inhaled, may aggravate asthma and allergies or cause other serious health problems for children;

Whereas, during the 2008 school year - 3,000 school bus drivers in Utah reduced their combined bus idle time by 21 minutes per day - per bus; 92,000 gallons of fuel consumption savings, more than 5,000 lbs. of particulate matter emissions and helped improve our state's air quality;

Whereas, every citizen can similarly improve our state's air quality by turning off vehicles whenever we are going to idle more than 10 seconds;

Whereas, education about idle reduction can raise community awareness, encourage consumers to develop idle free habits, and influence adoption of idle free policies within city and county governments;

Whereas, Salt Lake City Mayor Becker, Salt Lake County Mayor Corroon, Ogden City Mayor Mathew Godfrey and Provo City Mayor Lewis Billings and other partnering cities have undertaken a vehicle idle reduction campaign in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality; and

Whereas, the Idle Free Awareness Week kick-off begins with Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County's Sustainable Schools Idle Free Campaign;

Kath, Herrick, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby join Mayor Corroon, Becker, Billings and Godfrey and declare September 21 - 25, 2009 as

Idle Free Awareness Week

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Mayor Peter M. Corroon
Salt Lake County



Mayor Ralph Becker
Salt Lake City



Mayor Lewis R. Billings
Provo City



Mayor Matthew R. Godfrey
Ogden City

