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Governor Herbert Declares Flood Safety Week Mar. 15-19 *Plan, Prepare and Be Aware*

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Utah Governor Gary R. Herbert has declared Mar. 15 - 19, 2010, as Flood Safety Awareness Week in Utah in conjunction with National Flood Safety Awareness Week.

Floods can arrive without a moment’s notice or with a slow creep. Regardless of how a flood starts, they can have enough force to roll boulders the size of cars, destroy buildings and bridges, and take human lives.

The Flood Safety Awareness campaign’s purpose is to educate the citizens of Utah on hazards associated with floods and flash floods, as well as what can be done to save lives and protect property.

The National Weather Service has partnered with the Utah Department of Public Safety’s Division of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VIII, and the American Red Cross to provide information via a Flood Safety Awareness and Preparedness website.

Visit <http://bit.ly/UtahFloodSafety2010> to learn more about how to prepare yourself for the risks and dangers associated with flooding in your community. The FloodSmart website (<http://www.floodsmart.gov>) includes a wealth of information on flood risks, the National Flood Insurance Program, and additional insurance considerations. Finally, the Utah Department of Public Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and American Red Cross offer additional information at <http://bereadyutah.gov> and www.utahredcross.org. Remember to make a plan, get a kit, be informed and get involved!

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