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Declaration

Exercas, 1.3 million Utah residents now reside in areas of drought according to the National Integrated Drought Information System;

Whereas, areas of drought have increased by 82.9 % since early June;

Bhereas, extreme drought conditions adversely impact agriculture and livestock production, local communities and cities and wildlife and natural habitats;

Whereas, dry conditions increase the risk of wildfires and man-made fire disasters;

29 hereas, there have been 380 fires this year: 275 from human causes, 51 from natural causes, and 54 from unknown causes that have destroyed 43,373 thousand acres in the state of Utah;

Bhereas, through increased conservation measures, reduction of water use and responsible fire practices, Utahns can help reduce wildfires;

Dhereas, Utah is in great need of relief from the dangers of drought and fire disasters; and

Whereas, I invite all Utahns of all religious affiliations and belief systems to join me in prayer and fasting for rain;

Dow, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare June 29, 2025 as a

Day of Prayer and Fasting for Rain in Utah

Spencer J. Cox Governor