Michael Q. Leavitt
Governor

Declaration

Whereas, Utah has the highest concentration of known natural arches and bridges in the world, numbering well over 3,000; and

Whereas, the largest known arch spans in the world are found within the boundaries of the state; and

Whereas, these arches and bridges are considered by most observers to be land surface features of natural beauty; and

Whereas, these arches and bridges occur in almost every county of the state; and

Whereas, Utah is the only state to have both a national park and two national monuments dedicated to natural arches and bridges; and

Whereas, the State of Utah has adopted the symbol depicting the likeness of Delicate Arch in Arches National Park as a logo on its centennial automobile license plates and in many of its official promotional publications; and

Whereas, an international organization, The Natural Arch and Bridge Society is actively promoting the preservation of, and documenting the existence of natural arches and bridges in Utah and throughout the world; and

Whereas, there are many visitors who come to Utah with the express intent to view and photograph these marvels of nature; and

Whereas, most people regard natural arches and bridges as national treasures to be enjoyed and preserved;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare August 14, 1996, as

Natural Arch and Bridge Day

in Utah.

Governor: [Signature]