Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency ranks the state of Utah sixth in the nation in terms of its relative earthquake risk;

Whereas, strategic planning for earthquakes can reduce social and economic disruption, safeguard critical infrastructures, protect property and the environment, prevent injuries, and save lives;

Whereas, the Utah Seismic Safety Commission was created in 1994 by the Utah Legislature to promote earthquake safety and earthquake loss-reduction measures in Utah;

Whereas, for twenty years, the commission has advanced earthquake safety in our state through leadership and activities, designed to help Utahns become better prepared to withstand, respond to, and recover from earthquakes; and

Whereas, we congratulate the Utah Seismic Safety Commission on its 20th anniversary and commend the past and present members of the commission for their dedication and important contributions to earthquake safety;

Now, therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare July 17, 2014, as

Utah Seismic Safety Commission Day

[Signature]
Governor