Jon Meade Huntsman, Jr.

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, 2009 marks the 75th anniversary of the Hansel Valley, Utah, earthquake and the 50th anniversary of the Hebgen Lake, Montana, earthquake, which are reminders of the threat of moderate to large earthquakes in our region;

Whereas, many of Utah's older existing buildings have not experienced the damaging effects of an earthquake and remain vulnerable;

Whereas, the state of Utah's completion of the seismic retrofit to the Capitol demonstrates the importance of strengthening earthquake-vulnerable buildings in the state;

Whereas, state and local government officials, school administrators, and business owners are responsible to promote the safety of people in their buildings and facilities;

Whereas, the Putting Down Roots in Earthquake County handbook provides awareness of the earthquake dangers in Utah and will help families and businesses become more knowledgeable and better prepared;

Whereas, the Be Ready Utah program encourages preparedness for earthquakes to help save lives, reduce injuries and property losses, safeguard infrastructure, protect the environment and promote restoration of services; and,

Whereas, the Utah Seismic Safety Commission has selected the month of April to focus on earthquake and disaster preparedness;

Now, Therefore, I, Jon M. Huntsman, Jr., Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare April 2009 as

Earthquake Preparedness Month

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