

Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, September has been nationally recognized as Sepsis Awareness Month by Sepsis Alliance to bring awareness to sepsis, the body's life-threatening response to infection, which can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death;

Whereas, sepsis affects 1.7 million Americans and takes 350,000 adult lives every year in the United States;

Whereas, each year, more than 75,000 children in the United States develop severe sepsis and 7,000 of these children die;

Whereas, sepsis is the number one cost of hospitalization in the U.S., with costs for acute sepsis hospitalization and skilled nursing estimated to be $62 billion annually;

Whereas, on average, sepsis survivors have a shortened life expectancy, are more likely to suffer from an impaired quality of life, and often experience after-effects such as amputations (approximately 17,000 per year in the United States) and post-sepsis syndrome;

Whereas, sepsis is the second-leading cause of pregnancy-related mortality in the United States;

Whereas, the growing problem of antimicrobial resistance is steadily increasing the frequency of sepsis cases;

Whereas, despite the severe danger and widespread occurrence of this illness, a survey conducted by Sepsis Alliance found that less than 15% of U.S. adults can identify the symptoms of sepsis;

Whereas, the signs of sepsis can be remembered with the mnemonic "TIME," which stands for "temperature," "infection," "mental decline," and "extremely ill";

Whereas, awareness of the signs and symptoms of sepsis along with rapid diagnosis and treatment of sepsis can save lives and improve outcomes for sepsis survivors;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare September 2024 as

Sepsis Awareness Month in Utah



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