



Michael O. 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: *Michael O. Leavitt*