



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, in summer months, Utah faces occasional catastrophic weather events such as tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage — or, even worse, total destruction — to private property and homes;

Whereas, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs;

Whereas, predatory practices by nefarious contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers;

Whereas, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes;

Whereas, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Utah residents to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor;

Whereas, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Utah, including the Utah Insurance Department, law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating Utah residents about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and,

Whereas, the citizens of Utah are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in Contractor Fraud Awareness Week;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare May 22-26, 2023 as

Contractor Fraud Awareness Week in Utah

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