Declaration

Whereas, on May 10, 2011, Secretary Clinton presided at the U.S.-China Ecopartnership induction and signing ceremony and welcomed six new members, including the Utah-Qinghai Ecopartnership, to help foster economic growth and environmental sustainability at a sub-national level;

Whereas, by becoming a U.S.-China Ecopartnership, the Utah-Qinghai Alliance, otherwise known as the Utah-Qinghai Industrial Technology Strategic Alliance, has further strengthened the existing sister-state relationship between the State of Utah and the province of Qinghai through collaborations which will include, but are not limited to businesses, universities, cities, counties, districts, and the state and province;

Whereas, this partnership has involved and will continue to involve personal, cultural and academic understanding and collaboration through student exchanges, cultural exchanges, internships and visiting scholars;

Whereas, demonstration projects will take place in order to implement innovation in the green-tech industry through a business incubator system in Qinghai;

Whereas, the Utah Qinghai Alliance demonstrates effectiveness in sub-national innovation working through Utah universities such as Brigham Young University, the University of Utah, Utah State University, and Utah Valley University, as well as businesses like Andigen, AD Technologies, Ceramatec, Cosmas, and Metallosensors, most of which are presently associated with the universities; and

Whereas, the Utah Qinghai Alliance is a tremendous organization of universities, businesses and citizens of Utah and Qinghai dedicated to improving the global environment, while collaborating on joint innovation opportunities that will foster economic development and better cultural understanding in both the State of Utah and the province of Qinghai;

Now, Therefore, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare July 13, 14 and 15, 2011 as

Utah-Qinghai Ecopartnership Days

[Signature]
Governor