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Declaration

Whereas, the state of Utah recognizes Patriots' Day as a special observance commemorating the start of the American Revolution from the battles of Lexington, Concord and Menotomy;

Whereas, on the evening of April 18, 1775, Dr. Joseph Warren called William Dawes and Paul Revere to his Boston house and instructed that the British soldiers would be leaving Boston to apprehend patriot leaders Sam Adams and John Hancock in Lexington and confiscate stored arms in Concord;

Whereas, in the early dawn of April 19, 1775, on the Lexington Green, a shot was fired that signaled the start of the American Revolution and came to be known as "the shot heard round the world";

Whereas, eight militia volunteers were shot and killed on the Lexington Green on the morning of April 19, 1775;

Whereas, the British leaders continued their march to Concord but at the Old North Bridge, the farmers and fathers who had been summoned through the night, turned back the greatest military on the earth at the time;

Whereas, the British troops retreated back to Boston under a constant stream of fire from the American volunteers;

Whereas, since April 19, 1775, on the Lexington Green and the Concord North Bridge, millions of Americans have fought for our freedom and should be recognized as "patriots;"

Whereas, this designation honors the memory of the first battles of the American Revolution and the opening events that ultimately led to our independent nation;

Now, therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, and I, Deidre M. Henderson, lieutenant governor of the state of Utah, do hereby declare April 19, 2024, as

Patriots' Day in Utah

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor