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The American Legion Department of Utah
350 North State Street #80
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Dear Utah High School Educators, Faculty and Staff,

As governor, it is my pleasure to share that applications for the 2020 Boys and Girls State programs are now open. These programs, run by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, are designed to prepare rising seniors in high school to become leaders of tomorrow.

I am convinced that civically engaged people are the foundation of our state and country. The Boys and Girls State programs help develop the next generation of Utah's young leaders and provide participants with outstanding opportunities to practical citizenship, leadership and character. This is why I ask for your assistance as educators in recommending the programs to outstanding students whom you feel may be good candidates.

The Boys and Girls State Programs are an excellent opportunity for high school students from across the state who are looking to stand out on their college applications and already demonstrate a commitment to civic engagement and leadership.

Over the past 15 years, both as lieutenant governor and governor, I have had the privilege and honor of meeting countless participants. I have seen first-hand how the Boys and Girls State Program has inspired an enduring commitment to leadership and civic responsibility among program participants. These young leaders have grown into responsible citizens and leaders here in Utah.

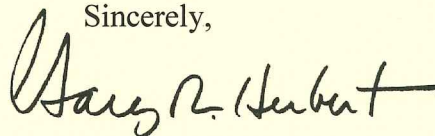
In addition to taking part in classroom work, lectures, and hands-on activities, rising seniors will gain a greater understanding of how our city, county and state governments work. These non-partisan weeklong educational programs will take place in June 2020 at Weber State University.

For more information and instructions on how your students can apply to the Boys and Girls State Programs, please visit apps.weber.edu/boysstate and apps.weber.edu/girlsstate, respectively. The deadline to apply is in early April 2020.

If you have additional questions about these programs, please contact either Douglas Case at utahboysstate@gmail.com or Angie Jensen at alautgirlsstate@gmail.com for Boys and Girls State respectively.

I thank you for the essential role you play in our communities and for your service in helping educate young Utahns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gary R. Herbert
Governor