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Utah's National Park Nonprofit Partners for 2025 Shutdown Service

Utah's national parks and public lands are central to the state's heritage, outdoor culture, and economy. These treasured landscapes welcome millions of visitors each year, and the nonprofit organizations that officially support Utah's national park units play an indispensable role in enhancing educational programming, strengthening stewardship efforts, improving visitor services, and connecting philanthropic and volunteer support to critical park needs.

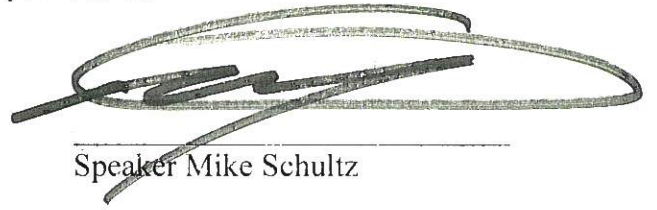
When the 2025 federal government shutdown led to sharply reduced staffing and limited visitor services at park units across the state, these nonprofit partners rose to meet the moment. In close coordination with park leadership and local communities, they mobilized staff, volunteers, and donor resources to help sustain essential operations, support visitor safety, provide stewardship assistance, and ease the strain on gateway communities facing increased pressures during the shutdown period.

Through their swift action and steadfast commitment, these organizations helped safeguard park resources, promote safe and responsible recreation, and uphold Utah's longstanding tradition of supporting outdoor recreation and conservation even during times of uncertainty.

Now, therefore, be it known on this 18th day of February, 2026, that the Utah Legislature commends the Zion National Park Forever Project, the Bryce Canyon Association, the Friends of Arches & Canyonlands Parks, the Canyonlands Natural History Association, and the Capitol Reef Natural History Association for their exemplary service during the 2025 federal government shutdown. The Legislature recognizes their leadership and dedication to Utah's national parks and expresses its sincere appreciation for their continued commitment to preserving and enhancing Utah's public lands.



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