



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Huntington's Disease is a strongly genetic, neurodegenerative disease that typically affects people in mid-life, and places each child of an affected parent at risk of inheriting the expanded gene responsible for causing the disease; and

WHEREAS, HD is a rare and orphan disease affecting 30,000 Americans while placing another 200,000 at-risk; and

WHEREAS, the average lifespan after onset of Huntington's Disease is 10-20 years, and the younger the age of onset, the more rapid the progression of the disease, resulting in children who develop the juvenile form of the disease rarely living to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, since 1993 when the gene that causes HD was discovered, research into the causes are currently exploring many new avenues and approaches including focus on way to delay onset of HD, development of effective therapies that may slow the progression of HD and ultimately, a cure for the disease; and

WHEREAS, there is at present no effective treatment or cure for Huntington's Disease, raising awareness about HD is critical to the advancement of vital research and support services;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA do hereby proclaim June 8-10, 2012 as

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE AWARENESS WEEKEND IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 7th day of May, 2012.

By the Governor: Brian Sandoval Governor

Chris Miller Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy