



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Congressman Barbara Vucanovich was the first female representative in the United States Congress from Nevada who blazed a trail for all women during her seven terms in Congress; and

WHEREAS, she campaigned as a "tough grandmother" and never lost sight of her family values and dedication to greater Nevada family; and

WHEREAS, she worked closely with great Americans like President Ronald Reagan, President George H.W. Bush, and Senator Paul Laxalt; and

WHEREAS, she supported a variety of issues important to Nevadans, and was a strong advocate of mining, ranching and the multiple use of our public lands. She also fought tirelessly against Yucca Mountain housing the nation's high level nuclear waste facility; and

WHEREAS, she served as chairman of the very powerful Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and supported better living conditions for our military. She was only the second woman ever to chair an Appropriations subcommittee; and

WHEREAS, a breast cancer survivor herself, she was a champion of medical research and treatment for women and in 1989, she introduced the Omnibus Breast Cancer Control Act and has been a role model for countless women; and

WHEREAS, she fiercely represented the rights of Nevada's seniors and introduced and passed into law a bill that protects the savings of Nevada retirees from being taxed by other states; and

WHEREAS, as a Member of Congress she traveled throughout the world on missions as diverse as nuclear waste storage to military family housing to post-war oversight in the former Yugoslavia; and

WHEREAS, the federal post office in Reno, Nevada was named in her honor as recognition for her devotion to public service; and

WHEREAS, the first great-grandmother ever to serve in the United States Congress, she is a proud member of a distinguished American family with roots in the Spanish land grants of California, service to American Presidents like Franklin Roosevelt, and a long tradition of military service in this nation; and

WHEREAS, Barbara has been an avid golfer and airplane pilot, with a dedication to the great outdoor spaces of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Barbara and her husband, George, were mainstays of Nevada Republican politics for nearly four decades. She began her Nevada career as one of the "Young Turks" who renewed Republicanism in Northern Nevada and the throughout the state in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, dozens of federal, state, and local candidates for public office have benefitted from Barbara's support over the years; and

WHEREAS, we honor Barbara for her tireless work and unflinching dedication to the citizens of the great State of Nevada and for the grace and dignity she brought to the office;

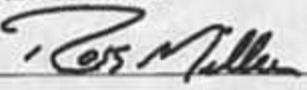
NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim August 18, 2012 as

BARBARA VUCANOVICH DAY 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 13th day of August, 2012.




By the Governor: _____ Governor


Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy