



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, more than two-thirds of visually impaired adults in the United States are over 65 years of age and the prevalence of blindness increases rapidly in later years, particularly after age 75; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 20.5 million Americans age 40 and older are afflicted with cataracts, which is the leading cause of blindness in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of Americans with age-related eye disease is expected to double within the next three decades, according to Eye Care America, which is the public service foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 37 million people are blind and 124 million severely visually impaired worldwide, and it is estimated that a child goes blind every minute; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization estimates that 75 percent of all blindness can be treated, cured or prevented by highly cost-effective means; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Nevada are encouraged to take the necessary precautions to prevent the causes of blindness and assist those who are affected by it;

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

### **BLINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH 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 20th day of August, 2012.

By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

By \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy