



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the abuse of illegal substances and the misuse of prescription and over-the-counter medicines costs lives, shatters families, threatens the safety and security of communities, decreases productivity, increases individual and state healthcare costs, overburdens the criminal justice system, and strains the budgets of government at all levels; and

WHEREAS, community members, civic and political leaders, businesses, educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, and members of the judiciary have a compelling interest in reducing the social and economic burdens of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of substance abuse is demonstrably more cost effective both economically and socially than addressing the aftermath of substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, prevention has been shown to be most effective when multiple community stakeholders cooperate to assess community needs, formulate and implement prevention strategies, and evaluate results; and

WHEREAS, an understanding of the scope of substance abuse issues; familiarity with prevention theory, methods, tools, and implementation practices are needed by community stakeholders to educate the public and effect significant reductions in substance use and abuse in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Statewide Coalition Partnership, the Nevada Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency, and the Office of the Attorney General of Nevada have selected October 1 – 2 to sponsor a Nevada Drug Summit to educate stakeholders from communities across Nevada about prescription drugs, marijuana, and other drug issues; and provide them with tools to effect positive changes in their communities;

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

NEVADA SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



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 Brian Sandoval Governor

By Carole Miller Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy