



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the first pioneers in Nevada were miners and farmers and ranchers, some of whom became Governors of Nevada, who provided food and fiber to those engaged in mining and other enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the descendents of those original pioneers and those influenced by their agricultural endeavors continue the customs and traditions established long ago; and

WHEREAS, in Nevada, cowboys and ranchers have created a unique style universally recognized as the Great Basin Buckaroo which continues these traditions through their daily work and in their celebrations such as rodeo; and

WHEREAS, through that cultural influence and the spirit of competition those hardworking ranchers, cowboys and cowgirls established rodeo in Nevada beginning with competitions in Elko and Reno 100 years ago, and continuing today all over Nevada culminating with The National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas each year in December; and

WHEREAS, through their hard work, honesty, and perseverance, cowboys and cowgirls have earned a reputation of integrity, patriotism, and a desire to preserve the uniquely American traditions of their trade; and

WHEREAS, the young people of this country have embraced the lifestyle of the cowboy through organized activities such as Future Farmers of America, 4-H, High School Rodeo and other educational endeavors to prepare them for their role in the western lifestyle and agricultural careers; and

WHEREAS, today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive to serve, preserve, and perpetuate this heritage through the efforts of working cowboys and cowgirls and through the efforts of the many statewide organizations that recognize and work to preserve the significance and value of the cowboy and western lifestyle; and

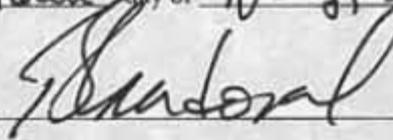
WHEREAS, the cowboy, buckaroo and cowgirl continue to be vital to the nation and in particular to the economy of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, through determination and skill, commitment and sacrifice the rancher, cowboy, buckaroo and cowgirl continue and will continue to produce the products that feed and clothe this nation and continue the traditions, heritage and customs of the cowboy and the western lifestyle;

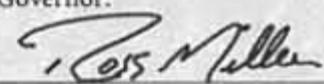
NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the 4th Saturday of July 2012 as

NATIONAL DAY OF THE COWBOY 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 16th day of July, 2012.



Governor

By the Governor:


Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy

