



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, hunters, anglers and trappers were among the first conservationists who supported the establishment of agencies to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and help fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, hunters, anglers and trappers supported excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment to raise additional funds to support restoration; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's own U.S. Senator Key Pittman as a former miner and lawyer was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1913, was a strong environmental advocate, and authored the legendary federal legislation Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 which set up a formula for federal sharing of ammunition tax revenue for establishing state wildlife areas, and has been the cornerstone of conservation legislation; and

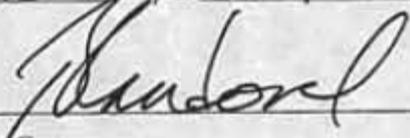
WHEREAS, this user pay – public benefit system became known as the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program that began 75 years ago with the passage of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act in 1937, and then was bolstered with the passage of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act in 1950, and those contributions to wildlife agencies exceed \$13 Billion which collectively constitute, the American System of Conservation Funding; and

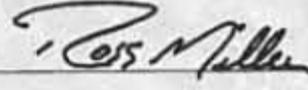
WHEREAS, this cooperative partnership between sportsmen and women is the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world, restoring populations throughout the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby recognize the role of hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, boaters, and allied industries in supporting the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs through their contributions to the American System of Conservation Funding in this the 75th anniversary year of America's greatest conservation story.



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 15th day of June, 2012.


By the Governor: _____ Governor


Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy