



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, in 2014 an estimated 136,830 people will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the United States and 50,310 will die from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is third most commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most common cause of cancer deaths for men and women in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of colon cancer deaths can be prevented through proper screening and early detection; and

**WHEREAS**, only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and

**WHEREAS**, the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but is only 10 percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

**WHEREAS**, if the majority of people in the United States age 50 or older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, colorectal cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable in most cases; and

**WHEREAS**, observing a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month during the month of March would provide a special opportunity for the Nevada Colon Cancer Partnership and Nevada Cancer Coalition, serving the citizens of the Nevada, to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as**

### **COLORECTAL CANCER 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 26th day of February, 2014

Brian Sandoval  
By the Governor Governor

Cass Miller  
Secretary of State

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