



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Nevada have a great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this State in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Veterans have paid the high price of freedom by leaving their families and communities and placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and was created as the Badge of Military Merit by General George Washington on August 7, 1782; and

WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal is specifically a combat decoration awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the family in the name of those who are killed in action, died of wounds received in action or died as prisoners of war (POW) while in captivity; and

WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organization comprised strictly of combat wounded veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Nevada of the Military Order of the Purple Heart represents combat wounded veterans from all wars who are patriots making a difference in people's lives as well as spreading the message that our freedoms are not free; and

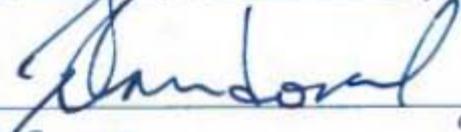
WHEREAS, the State of Nevada has residents who have made the ultimate sacrifice in armed conflicts since 1918 and residents who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in combat,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim, March 13, 2014, as a day in honor of

PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS



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 13th day of March, 2014



Governor

By the Governor:


Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy