



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic and other types of cancers; and

WHEREAS, geneticists estimate that approximately 6,200 individuals in Nevada and over 800,000 persons throughout the U.S., alone, have Lynch syndrome, including one in every 440 persons and studies show that only 5 percent of those with a family or personal history of colon cancer have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and

WHEREAS, every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and every newly diagnosed colorectal cancer and endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and further testing; and

WHEREAS, having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and

WHEREAS, on this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in Nevada and encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection.

NOW THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim, March 22, 2014, as

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY



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 14th day of March, 2014.

By the Brian Sandoval Governor

Chris Miller Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy