



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends involvement among people throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources and don't know how to cope; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure each family has the support they need to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also the likelihood of criminal behavior, substance abuse, health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and risky behavior such as smoking ; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens should become involved in supporting families in raising their children in a safe, nurturing environment; effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

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

### **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**



*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 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

By the Brian Sandoval Governor

Cory Miller Secretary of State

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