State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurological disease in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is inadequate comprehensive data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, it is estimated that the disease affects 500,000 to 1,500,000 people in the United States and the prevalence will more than double by 2040; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is $14.4 billion, including indirect costs to patients and family members of $6.3 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, although research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and

WHEREAS, there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and the rate of misdiagnosis can be high; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and include tremors, slowness of movement, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, speaking, rigidity, cognitive impairment, demential, mood disorders (such as depression and anxiety) constipation, skin problems and sleep difficulties; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, increased education and research are needed to find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and, ultimately, an effective treatment or cure for Parkinson's disease.

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

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS 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 25th day of March, 2014.

Brian Sandoval
Governor

By the Governor:

Ross Miller
Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy