A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the week of April 7-13, 2014, is National Public Health Week, and the theme is "Public Health: Start Here"; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, the Nevada Public Health Association and the American Public Health Association, through its sponsorship of National Public Health Week, has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's health; and

WHEREAS, seven in ten deaths in Nevada are related to preventable diseases such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, and cancer, and 75 percent of our health care dollars are spent treating such diseases; and

WHEREAS, nearly 29 percent of all students in Nevada do not graduate from high school on time – students who don't graduate face lifelong health risks and high medical costs, are more likely to engage in risky health behaviors, less likely to be employed and insured, and earn less – all of which continues the cycle of poverty and disparities; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all cancer deaths could be prevented by making healthy choices like not smoking or quitting smoking, staying at a healthy weight, eating right, keeping active, and getting recommended screening tests; and

WHEREAS, progress in life expectancy in Nevada and the United States has been primarily a product of science-based public health practices and policy changes, such as improvements in motor vehicle safety, clean water and sanitation, tobacco prevention and cessation policy, infectious disease surveillance and control, and occupational health safety measures; and

WHEREAS, strong public health systems are critical for sustaining and improving community health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim, April 7 – April 13, 2014 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK 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 31st day of March, 2014.

Governor

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy