



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, as many as 15 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies is increasing among children; and

WHEREAS, eight foods cause 90% of all food allergy reactions in the United States: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy and wheat. Symptoms of a food-allergic reaction can include hives, vomiting, diarrhea, respiratory distress and swelling of the throat; and

WHEREAS, according to the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology, food allergy causes more than 200,000 emergency department visits each year, including about 90,000 for probable anaphylaxis. Reactions typically occur when an individual unknowingly eats a food containing an ingredient to which they are allergic; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for food allergies and scientists do not understand why. Strict avoidance of the offending food is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, Food Allergy Research & Education is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring the safety and inclusion of individuals with food allergies while relentlessly seeking a cure;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim May 11-17, 2014, as

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK



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 23rd day of April, 2014.

By the Governor, _____ Governor

By _____ Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy