



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, people of all ages in Nevada can develop a condition known as Toxic Encephalopathy/Chemical Injury (TECI); and

WHEREAS, the National Institutes of Health, states "Neurotoxicity occurs when the exposure to natural or manmade toxic substances (neuro-toxicants) alters the normal activity of the nervous system"; and

WHEREAS, "neurotoxicity can result from exposures to heavy metals such as lead and mercury, certain foods and food additives, pesticides, industrial and/or cleaning solvents, cosmetics, and some naturally occurring substances, that can be primarily encountered in indoor environments"; and

WHEREAS, TECI is a chronic condition for which there is no known cure. Symptoms may appear immediately after exposure or be delayed. They may include limb weakness or numbness, loss of memory; vision, and/or intellect; headache; cognitive and behavioral problems; and

WHEREAS, the health of the entire population of the State of Nevada and the United States is at risk from chemical exposures that can lead to illnesses that may be preventable through reduction or avoidance of chemicals in the air, water and food in both the indoor and outdoor environments; and

WHEREAS, reasonable accommodations and information about and recognition of TECI can provide opportunities for people with this disability to enjoy access to work, schooling, public facilities, where they can continue to contribute their skills, ideas, creativity, abilities and knowledge; and

WHEREAS, people with TECI need the support and understanding of family, friends, co-workers and society as they struggle with their illness and adapt to new life styles;

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

NATIONAL TOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY AND CHEMICAL INJURY 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 April, 2014.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Brian Miller
Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy