



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the International Barbershop Harmony Society - originally named the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, Inc. - is the largest all-male singing organization in the United States with just under 25,000 members and has as its primary objectives the funding of scholarships, a unique Harmony College and a variety of additional support benefitting its 767 community chapters throughout 17 districts in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Society was first conceived at an informal, exploratory meeting in Kansas City in late March, 1938, between Owen Cash and Rupert Hall; it was formally launched a few weeks later on April 11 with 26 men attending a historic hotel rooftop luncheon and 'harmonious singfest' in Tulsa, OK - thus, giving birth to today's vast global organization; and

WHEREAS, the first home of the Society was Kenosha, WI for 50 years before relocating in Nashville, TN in 2007; and with the Las Vegas Chapter introducing organized barbershop harmony to Nevada in 1960 as the newest member of the Society's Far Western District; and

WHEREAS, this not-for-profit, 501(c) (3) service organization with just under 25,000 members in chapters spanning the U.S. and Canada embraces "only congenial men of good character" from all walks of life, which also include affiliated barbershop chapters and choruses - under the World Harmony Council banner - in Great Britain, Australia, Germany, the Netherlands, Finland, Ireland, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden and South Africa; and

WHEREAS, the Las Vegas Chapter under the leadership of a Board of Directors as the largest of five BHS-registered choruses in Nevada fulfills the mission of the Society, which is "to perpetuate and celebrate harmony in the barbershop style, promote fellowship and friendship among men of good will, provide the opportunity to experience the joy of four-part a cappella singing, and introduce and sustain music in the lives of people everywhere"; and

WHEREAS, the new Silver Statesmen chorus was created in January, 2013 as the result of a rare merger of two existing BHS barbershop chapters -- the Las Vegas Chapter, created in December, 1960, and the Las Vegas Metro Chapter, formed in 1998; and

WHEREAS, today, the surviving, fast-growing Las Vegas Chapter currently has an expanding roster of more than 80 singers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 29 through Saturday, July 6, 2014, as

INTERNATIONAL BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY 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 12th day of June, 2014.

By the Governor: _____
Governor

By Ross Miller _____
Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy