



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, the American black bear (*Ursus Americana*) is the only bear species occurring naturally in Nevada, primarily found on the Carson front, the Lake Tahoe area, Washoe Valley, Galena, Caughlin Ranch, and Verdi; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Department of Wildlife reports a recent increase in human-bear conflicts due to an increase in people living in bear habitat, dry-climate conditions and bear access to non-native food sources such as garbage; and

**WHEREAS**, when bears have access to human food sources, they may become conditioned to human food and habituated to people that may embolden their behavior causing them to rummage through unsecured garbage bins or even enter residences seeking human food; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Department of Wildlife is recognized as taking a leading, proactive role in non-lethal bear management to solve human-bear conflicts with the use of Karelian Bear Dogs and Aversive Conditioning; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility of all Nevadans to not feed wildlife, to properly secure their garbage and pet food, and to remove attractants whether at home or camping; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada encourages all residents and tourists who live or play in bear habitat to maintain a safe distance, never approach or feed a bear, and to practice Bear Logic habits including use of wildlife-resistant containers;

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

### **BEAR LOGIC MONTH 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 12 day of June, 2014.

By the Governor:

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Governor

*Brian Sandoval*  
*Chris Miller*

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Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_

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Deputy