



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 13.3 minutes, with 39,518 deaths by suicide in our country during 2011; far too many Nevadans die by suicide each year, and most of these deaths are preventable; and

WHEREAS, in Nevada, suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for ages 10-34 and is the 6th leading cause of death for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, 568 Nevadans died by suicide, and several thousand friends and family members were changed forever by losing those people; and

WHEREAS, experts believe that most individuals thinking about suicide do not want to die, they just want to end the pain they are experiencing. It is important to identify behavior changes which signal the need to intervene and assist with access to care immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention, in partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno and the Nevada National Guard are offering a week of suicide prevention and wellness activities; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention will sponsor the statewide "Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope" event on Saturday, September 13th, 2014. Twelve communities will walk to remember those individuals we have lost to suicide and call greater attention to the state's suicide prevention efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, hereby proclaim September 7 - 13, 2014, as

SUICIDE PREVENTION 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 8th day of September, 2014.

By the Governor:

Governor

Chris Miller

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy