



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, pain is a major health problem and the number one reason Americans seek medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine has found that 100 million Americans live with chronic pain as a result of serious illness and injuries; and

WHEREAS, chronic pain also takes an economic toll on our country estimated at \$560 to \$630 billion annually in medical expenses, lost wages, and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, pain negatively impacts almost every aspect of a person's life, including the ability to work, sleep, and engage in social activities, as well as the pain sufferer's families and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Pain Foundation provides education on pain management skills and constructive ways to cope with pain and find fulfillment in life; and

WHEREAS, cannabinoids proved to be 10 fold more potent than morphine in wide dynamic range neurons for mediating pain; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness about the effects and potential treatments for chronic pain can lead to much needed relief, empowerment, and validation for those living with pain;

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

PAIN 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 11th day of August, 2014.

By the Governor

Governor

Brian Sandoval

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy