



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, nearly five percent of Nevada's population is impacted by mental illness or substance abuse disorders each year, including an estimated 20,000 youth and young adults age 15 to 24 years old; and

WHEREAS, approximately 16 percent of people with mental illness also have a substance abuse disorder; and

WHEREAS, behavioral health is essential to health; the prevention works; the treatment is effective; and people do recover from mental and/or substance abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, people in recovery can achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally to contribute in positive ways to their communities; and

WHEREAS, helping people achieve a path of recovery can reduce homelessness, medical and criminal justice costs, and unemployment; and

WHEREAS, people in recovery can guide youth and young adults, policymakers, first responders, and faith leaders in providing support and encouraging people to find their own path of recovery; and

WHEREAS, Nevada celebrates people in long-term recovery and recognizes the dedication of prevention, treatment, and recovery support providers; and

WHEREAS, all citizens are asked to celebrate this year's recovery theme - "Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up, Reach Out";

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

RECOVERY 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:

Brian Sandoval
Governor

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Secretary of State

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Deputy