

## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, chronic wounds represent a significant burden to patients, healthcare professionals and the U.S. healthcare system, affecting between 5 and 7 million patients and costing an estimated \$20 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, underlying causes of chronic wounds vary from patient to patient, these wounds tend to occur in people with poor blood circulation, diabetes and other illnesses. Pressure ulcers called “bedsores” can develop in individuals who are confined to bed and can evolve into chronic wounds. Similarly, diabetes patients may experience a simple foot blister that develops into a chronic open wound, serious infection, and gangrene that may eventually require amputation; and

**WHEREAS**, compelling statistics regarding people with diabetes show that 15 percent will develop problem wounds, greatly increasing in the risk of amputation and approximately 60,000 of these cases will undergo amputation each year; and

**WHEREAS**, like all states, Nevada must contend with increasingly high rates of chronic illness that requires highly coordinated, preventive care to improve outcomes and lower costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of treating pressure ulcers among the elderly in Nevada is a huge health care financial burden to the State of Nevada and its taxpayers; and

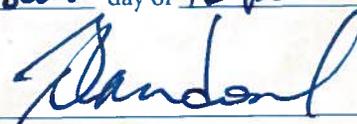
**WHEREAS**, wound care clinicians from the State of Nevada, from across the country and around the world will take the educational information presented at the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care this fall and provide better care for their patients with chronic wounds;

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

### **CHRONIC WOUND CARE 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 15th day of September, 2014.

  
By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

  
Secretary of State

  
Deputy