



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the month of October marks the occasion of National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month with observances across the United States, focusing on generating public understanding, compassion for bereaved families and support for medical research; and

WHEREAS, each year, approximately one million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the death of a newborn baby; and approximately 4,000 such losses occur in Nevada each year; and

WHEREAS, it is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child, the shortest lives are still valuable, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should not be trivialized; and

WHEREAS, the observance of SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month offers validation to the experience of those who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS or other postnatal infant death; and

WHEREAS, recognizing SIDS, Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month provides the people of Nevada with an opportunity to increase their understanding of the great tragedy involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies; to consider how, as individuals and communities, we can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers, and family members, and to work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and

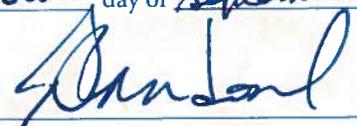
WHEREAS, it is the desire of Nevada citizens to unite parents, caregivers, and researchers with governmental, business and community service organizations in a statewide movement to advance the support available for bereaved families and hasten the elimination of SIDS, stillbirth, miscarriage and other causes of sudden infant death;

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

NEVADA SIDS PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS 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