



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, PANDAS/PITAND/PANS are serious, clinically diagnosed illnesses. PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections) is the sudden onset of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder often displayed as severe anxiety and emotional disturbances plus 2 or more of the following symptoms: tics or other abnormal movements; severe separation anxiety, generalized anxiety; irritability, emotional liability, aggression, personality changes; ADHD, inability to concentrate; sensory sensitivities; deterioration in learning abilities and school performance; developmental and age regression (inc. deterioration in handwriting); sleep and night time difficulties; and/or urinary frequency or daytime/night-time secondary enuresis. The onset of symptoms are corresponding to an infection, usually strep; and

WHEREAS, PITAND (Pediatric Infection-Triggered Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders) is similar to PANDAS in terms of presentation, however, it consists of a broader list of possible triggers, not only strep. Triggers may include Mycoplasma Pneumonia, Mono, Lyme, viruses, and more; and

WHEREAS, PANS (Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes) is the broadest of the three related disorders as it includes not only presentations associated with a preceding infection, but also acute-onset non-infectious triggers, such as environmental and metabolic. PANS criteria varies slightly from the PANDAS and PITAND. The working criteria for PANS is abrupt, dramatic onset of obsessive-compulsive disorder or severely restricted food intake; concurrent presence of additional neuropsychiatric symptoms, with similarly severe and acute onset; and symptoms are not better explained by a known neurologic or medical disorder; and

WHEREAS, PANDAS/PITAND/PANS children may have moderate to dramatic improvement with antibiotics within one week of treatment, however, further interventions may be needed; and

WHEREAS, PANDAS/PITAND/PANS remains frequently misdiagnosed, undiagnosed, and undertreated due to the lack of the awareness of these disorders both by the public and even the medical community; and

WHEREAS, the true prevalence of PANDAS/PITAND/PANS is yet to be known. A conservative estimate is 162,000 in the United States alone; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that there be greater public awareness of this serious health issue, and more must be done to increase activity at the local, State and national levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim October 9, 2014, as

PANDAS/PITAND/PANS AWARENESS DAY



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: Brian Sandoval Governor

Pats Miller Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy