



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, in 1881, Nevada was in the forefront of American motorcycle history with the adaptation of a “Star” bicycle with an “Eagle” steam engine by Lucius Copeland, creating the “Iron Eagle;” and

**WHEREAS**, in 1884, Copeland demonstrated his invention by traveling from Las Vegas to Phoenix to present the invention at the first Maricopa County and Arizona Territory Fair, a feat repeated with a round trip in 1887; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1919, a young Lt. Col. Dwight Eisenhower traveled through Nevada and Carson City on a motorcycle during his historic 3,251-mile Transcontinental Motor Convoy nicknamed “Operation Iron Eagle” which concluded with the U.S. Army operational report given on Nevada Day, October 31, 1919, and Lt. Colonel Eisenhower’s report to Congress on November 3, 1919; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1956, Nevada became a critical component of the Federal Interstate Highway Act signed into law by President Dwight Eisenhower; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971 and again in 1991, Nevada became one of the first states to lead the nation by passing legislation to reduce fatalities and increase motorcycle education and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, Copeland’s 1884 “Iron Eagle” returned to Nevada with the inaugural Las Vegas Guggenheim Museum’s “Art of the Motorcycle;” and

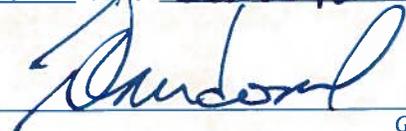
**WHEREAS**, in 2008, “Iron Eagle” was revived as a Nevada motorcycle brand dedicated to raising public interest, education, and funds for worthy charitable causes, and which continues to play an integral role in preserving Nevada motorcycle history while raising community awareness and safety in the Nevada motorcycling community;

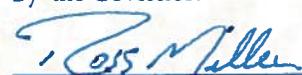
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim November 3, 2014, as**

### **NEVADA MOTORCYCLE HISTORY 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2014.

  
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By the Governor: Governor

  
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Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy