State of Nevada

Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada recognizes the importance of providing children permanent, safe, and loving families through the adoption process; and

WHEREAS, 669 children in Nevada were adopted in State Fiscal Year 2014; and

WHEREAS, siblings have a unique and lasting relationship, often longer than a spousal or parent-child relationship; and

WHEREAS, preservation of the sibling bond by keeping siblings together is linked to favorable outcomes for children and youth in foster care, and recognized in the Nevada Foster Youth Sibling Bills of Rights; and

WHEREAS, to help these children find permanent, nurturing families, local courts around the state will open their doors during National Adoption Awareness Month to finalize the adoptions of local children and join other organizations to celebrate all adoptions; and

WHEREAS, this effort, along with similar celebrations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico will offer children the chance to live with stable and loving families and encourage other dedicated individuals to make a powerful difference in the lives of a child through adoption;

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

NATIONAL ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH IN NEVADA

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 21st day of October, 2014.

Governor

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy