



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Mark Novak began his Nevada Fire Service career with the Tahoe-Douglas Fire Protection District in 1990 as a firefighter, attended paramedic school in 1993, and was promoted to Fire Captain in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mark Novak introduced and implemented the District's Child Passenger Safety and Public Fire Education Program, defensible space curbside inspection program, revised tree removal guidelines, and negotiated with the TRPA to improve community fire safety; and

WHEREAS, Mark Novak was promoted to Battalion Chief in 2006 and became the Fire Prevention and Fuels Management Officer for Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Chief Novak facilitated and supervised the Tahoe-Douglas Wildland Fuels Reduction Program, and, created with his team, the Zephyr Fire Crew. This Crew has responded throughout the region to protect lives and property from wildland fires. Chief Novak was the planner for the successful electoral process to vote to approve and implement a property tax override for the District's Fire Safe Community Fund; and

WHEREAS, Mark Novak has participated as an Incident Commander of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team and served as a key member in the revision of the University of Nevada's Cooperative Extension "Lake Tahoe Basin Living With Fire Guide"; and

WHEREAS, Mark Novak was promoted to Fire Marshal/Assistant Fire Chief in 2009 and has defended lives and property during the Gondola Fire, the Angora Fire, the Caughlin Ranch Fire, the Washoe Fire, and others in Northern Nevada as a Strike Team Leader and Supervisor. Chief Novak has served the residents and visitors to Nevada, Lake Tahoe, and Douglas County honorably with compassion, commitment, and professional excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim January 24, 2015, as a day in honor of

CHIEF MARK NOVAK



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 23rd day of January, 2015.

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Cogan
Secretary of State

By

Deputy