



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, while progress has been significant in reducing deaths from heart disease, it is still the No. 1 killer of both women and men; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular diseases are the nation's costliest leading cause of death, with direct and indirect costs estimated to be more than \$321 billion; and

WHEREAS, between 2001 and 2011, the rate of deaths from heart disease fell 39 percent, but the burden and risk factors remain alarmingly high; and

WHEREAS, about 2,150 people die from cardiovascular diseases each day, accounting for about one death every 40 seconds; and

WHEREAS, over 4,800 die from cardiovascular disease in Nevada each year; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's 2020 impact goal seeks to improve the cardiovascular health of all Americans by 20 percent while reducing deaths from cardiovascular diseases and stroke by 20 percent through research, population- and community-level interventions, public health and policy measures; and

WHEREAS, efforts of the American Heart Association encourage citizens to help save lives by calling 9-1-1 if symptoms occur, become trained in CPR, and encourage comprehensive automated external defibrillator programs in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association is celebrating February 2015 as American Heart Month and promoting education and awareness by encouraging citizens to learn the warning signs of heart attack and stroke; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim February 2015 as

AMERICAN HEART 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 2nd day of February, 2015.

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy