



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, established by the U.S. Congress in 1961, National Poison Prevention Week is commissioned by the National Poison Prevention Week Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the third full week of March has been designated National Poison Prevention Week, focusing national attention on the dangers of poisonings and how to prevent them; and

**WHEREAS**, during this week, we come together as a community to educate ourselves on poison prevention, and pledge our commitment to ensuring the safety of our families, communities, and each other; and

**WHEREAS**, each year over 25,000 possible poisonings are reported to the Nevada Poison Center; one call every 13 seconds is handled across the United States with a total of more than 4 million calls yearly; and

**WHEREAS**, a few ways to prevent a poisoning from happening include placing household chemicals out of the reach of children, storing items in their original containers to avoid confusion, and reading product labels, including the recommended dosages on all products; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent these poisonings from happening, parents, teachers, nurses, and everyone in the community should take measures to ensure that unintentional poisonings do not occur and take precautions to understand medication safety; and

**WHEREAS**, in case of a poisoning emergency, individuals should contact their local poison center by calling the toll free Poison Helpline, at 1-800-222-1222, with poison prevention the key to safer and healthier lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, do hereby proclaim March 15-21, 2015, as

### **NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2015.

By the Governor:

Governor

*Barbara K. Cegavske*  
Secretary of State

By

*James W. Cuddeback*  
Deputy