State of Nevada

Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Autism, the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and

WHEREAS, Autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, and understand verbal as well as nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, the effort to address autism continues, with doctors, therapists, and educators helping individuals with Autism overcome or adjust to its challenges, and provide early, accurate diagnosis, resulting in appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that persons living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of the disorder;

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

WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS 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 19th day of March, 2015.

Governor

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy