# State of Nevada Executive Department

## A Proclamation by the Governor

**WHEREAS**, people of all ages in Nevada have developed a condition known as Toxic Encephalopathy/Chemical Injury (TECI); and

**WHEREAS**, the National Institutes of Health, states "neurotoxicity occurs when the exposure to natural or manmade toxic substances (neuro-toxicants) alters the normal activity of the nervous system"; and

**WHEREAS**, "neurotoxicity can result from exposures to heavy metals such as lead and mercury, certain foods and food additives, pesticides, industrial and/or cleaning solvents, cosmetics, and some naturally occurring substances, that can be primarily encountered in indoor environments"; and

**WHEREAS**, TECI is a chronic condition for which there is no known cure. Symptoms may appear immediately after exposure or be delayed. They may include limb weakness or numbness, loss of memory, vision, and/or intellect, headache, cognitive and behavioral problems; and

**WHEREAS**, the health of the entire population of the State of Nevada and the United States is at risk from chemical exposures that can lead to illnesses that may be preventable through reduction or avoidance of chemicals in the air, water, and food in both the indoor and outdoor environments; and

**WHEREAS**, reasonable accommodations, information about and recognition of TECI can provide opportunities for people with this disability to enjoy access to work, schooling, and public facilities, where they can continue to contribute their skills, ideas, creativity, abilities and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, people with TECI need the support and understanding of family, friends, co-workers, and society as they struggle with their illness and adapt to their new life styles;

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

**NATIONAL TOXIC ENCEPHALOPATHY AND CHEMICAL INJURY 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 16th day of March, 2015.

Governor

By the Governor:

Barbara K. Cegavske

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy