State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome is a genetic disorder first described by an English pediatrician, Dr. Harry Angelman, in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome is a neuro-genetic disorder characterized by intellectual and developmental delay, sleep disturbance, seizures, jerky movements, frequent laughter or smiling and usually a happy demeanor; and

WHEREAS, with familiarity of the disorder, more diagnoses are being made of what was not long ago thought to be an extremely rare disorder; and

WHEREAS, over 2,000 individuals have been identified with Angelman Syndrome in the United States, Canada and other countries in the world, and it is believed that more remain undiagnosed or misdiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Angelman Syndrome is being researched by numerous professionals in order to more accurately describe its origin, physical signs and symptoms and behavioral characteristics; and

WHEREAS, the Angelman Syndrome Foundation, established in 1990, is dedicated to educating and supporting parents and professionals dealing with Angelman Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, citizens should be made more aware of Angelman Syndrome so that early diagnosis and intervention becomes a top priority;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2015, as

ANGELMAN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY 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 30th day of March, 2015.

Sandoval
Governor

By the Governor:

Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy