



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, The Beagle Freedom Project is dedicated to the welfare of animals used in research and in product testing facilities. It is internationally recognized for its efforts to find loving homes for animals suitable for adoption after they are no longer needed in the lab; and

WHEREAS, the work of The Beagle Freedom Project and the tireless efforts of its staff and volunteers have given a new "leash on life" for 450 former laboratory animals across half of the United States as well as abroad; and

WHEREAS, the people of the great State of Nevada consistently demonstrate their reverence for the vital role of pets and animals in the lives of individuals and families every day; and

WHEREAS, it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly; and

WHEREAS, The Beagle Freedom Project recognized a deficiency in law regarding the post-laboratory fate of animals and in response developed the Beagle Freedom Bill and advocates for its passage by the states; and

WHEREAS, with the enactment of Senate Bill 261 of the 78th Legislative Session, Nevada has become the second state to secure the Right to Release for dogs and cats who have been tasked with the heavy burden of laboratory experimentation in the name of safety and medical advances for humans; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Nevada recognize The Beagle Freedom Project for embodying the values of compassion and respect for animals and the responsibility we share for animal welfare in a humane and civilized society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2015 as a day in honor of

THE BEAGLE FREEDOM PROJECT 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 9th day of June, 2015.

By the Governor:

Governor

By

Secretary of State

Deputy