State of Nevada

# Executive Department

## A Proclamation by the Governor

***WHEREAS,*** *98,000 Nevada adults and 18,000 Nevada adolescents experience serious mental illnesses (SMI) or major depressive episodes (MDE) each year; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *behavioral health is essential to all health; 41% of those experiencing SMI or MDE also have a co-occuring mental or medical disorder or are at risk for developing one. Prevention works, treatment is effective and people do recover; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *recovery is a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live self-directed lives, strive to reach their full potential and are valuable members of our communities; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *people living in recovery have been supported by both peers and professionals and enjoy emotional and physical health, stable homes, purposeful lives, community engagement and can inspire others to achieve the same; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Nevada supports long-term recovery through recovery oriented systems of care including integration of professional intervention, peer recovery support services, and recovery community organizations; and*

***WHEREAS,*** *Nevada recognizes people in long-term recovery as valuable citizens of our state and asks all citizens to reduce the stigma of mental illness in supporting The Foundation for Recovery, by joining their 'Rally for Recovery', in Nevada and celebrating this year's recovery theme, "Voices of Recovery: Visible, Vocal, Valuable!";*

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

**MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY MONTH 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 19th day of August, 2015.

Sandoval
Governor

By the Governor:
Barbara K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

By Nicole M. Lindemann
Deputy