



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the month of October marks the occasion of National Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Pregnancy and Infant Death Awareness Month with observances across the United States, focusing on generating public understanding, compassion for bereaved families and support for medical research; and

WHEREAS, each year approximately one million pregnancies in the United States end in miscarriage, stillbirth or the death of a newborn baby. Approximately 4,000 such losses occur each year in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, it is a great tragedy to lose the life of a child. The shortest lives are still valuable, and the grief of those who mourn the loss of these lives should not be trivialized; and

WHEREAS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month offers validation to the experience of those who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, SIDS, or other postnatal infant death; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month provides the people of Nevada with the opportunity to increase their understanding of the great tragedy involved in the deaths of unborn and newborn babies and to consider how, as individuals and communities, we can meet the needs of bereaved mothers, fathers and family members and to work to prevent the causes of these deaths; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Nevada citizens to unite parents, caregivers and researchers with governmental, business and community service organizations in a statewide movement to advance the support available to bereaved families and hasten the elimination of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), stillbirth, miscarriage, and other causes of sudden infant death;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2015, as

NATIONAL SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME (SIDS), PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS 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 13th day of August, 2015.

By Brian Sandoval Governor

By Barbara K. Cegavske Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy