



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, promoting and protecting the health, safety, and welfare of citizens, particularly society's most vulnerable citizens such as young children, is a core function of Nevada's state government; and

WHEREAS, Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes (PANS) are serious illnesses affecting children and causing a sudden, dramatic change in personality following certain infections, leading to symptoms including anxiety, depression, behavioral regression, and deterioration in school performance; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1 in 200 children are affected by PANDAS/PANS, most of whom are between the ages of 4 and 7, and diagnoses of these immune disorders are estimated to be as prevalent as Pediatric Cancer and Pediatric Diabetes, with nearly 162,000 children diagnosed in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, community organizations such as PANDASnetwork.org are dedicated to improving the diagnosis and treatment of children with PANDAS/PANS, as well as supporting the researchers and scientists working to collaborate with the medical community in a joint effort to better serve children and families touched by PANDAS/PANS; and

WHEREAS, efforts to raise awareness about the diagnosis and treatment of PANDAS/PANS further the state's objective of protecting Nevada's children and providing them with the opportunity to live healthy and productive lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 9th 2015, to be

PANDAS/PANS 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 9th day of October, 2015.

By the Governor:

Governor

By

Secretary of State

Deputy