



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, family caregivers play an increasingly important role in the safety and wellbeing of loved ones, providing critical assistance with both health care tasks and daily living activities; and

WHEREAS, more than one third of Nevadans over the age of 50 provide unpaid care for a parent, spouse, disabled child, or other relative or friend, which reduces the number of patients in local hospitals and care facilities and contributes to high-quality health care delivery in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 family caregivers in Nevada provide assistance to loved ones at home, which is equivalent to 348 million hours and an estimated value of \$4 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, older adults who receive personalized, cost-effective services at home are more likely to continue to live independently without the need for nursing home care or utilizing other public assistance services and programs; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 177, also known as the "CARE Act", was passed by the Nevada Legislature and signed into law on May 6, 2015, and will expand resources, training, and enhanced communication for family caregivers in order to ensure smooth transitions for patients from hospitals to their homes, helping to prevent unnecessary re-admissions; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada applauds the dedicated work of family caregivers and recognizes their role in providing assistance for older, vulnerable, and disabled Nevadans as a vital component to building safe and healthy communities now and in the future;

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

FAMILY CAREGIVERS 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 3rd day of November, 2015

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Segovske
Secretary of State

By

Deputy