State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *the State of Nevada recognizes the importance of supporting the health, welfare and well being of children by connecting them with permanent, safe, and loving families through the adoption process; and*

WHEREAS, *the 2015 theme for National Adoption Awareness Month is "We Never Outgrow the Need for Family," which reflects the importance of a safe and stable family environment; and*

WHEREAS, *this year's theme also calls attention to our nation's special population of older youth who are in foster care and who are in need of loving, permanent families; and*

WHEREAS, *more than 500 young people ages 15 to 18 in Nevada currently comprise 11 percent of the foster care population in the state; and*

WHEREAS, *the Governor signed AB 151 into law during the 78th Regular Legislative Session in order to promote more efficient adoption procedures that will help to ensure that more Nevada children will be placed in safe, loving, and nurturing families; and*

WHEREAS, *during National Adoption Awareness Month, we honor those who have opened their hearts and their homes to provide children and young people a forever family through adoption;*

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

NATIONAL ADOPTION 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 29th day of October, 2015.

By the Governor: *Governor*

Secretary of State

By *Deputy*