State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *in today's highly interconnected world, telephones provide a lifeline to emergency help and a vital link to government services, community resources, friends and family; and*

WHEREAS, *not everyone can afford the cost of a home telephone and a number of our nation's households still do not have telephone service in their homes; and*

WHEREAS, *the Lifeline Assistance (Lifeline) programs offer tremendous benefits for eligible consumers in America and make basic telephone service more affordable; and*

WHEREAS, *the FCC has established Enhanced Link-Up and Lifeline programs for Tribal Lands and recently updated its rules governing Lifeline program eligibility and non-duplication of support; and*

WHEREAS, *consumers should not be without local phone service because they cannot afford it, and therefore the promotion of Lifeline is imperative to ensure that all U.S. citizens have access to affordable basic local telephone service; and*

WHEREAS, *the Lifeline program has undergone a transformation in recent years to improve program efficiency and combat waste, fraud and abuse to ensure that only those eligible are receiving this vital support; and*

WHEREAS, *the FCC, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates (NASUCA), other State and federal agencies, cities, counties, organizations, and telecommunications companies are committed to increasing awareness about the availability of the Lifeline programs and are encouraging eligible citizens to sign up for the programs; and*

WHEREAS, *the FCC, NARUC, and NASUCA together with the Nevada Public Utilities Commission, have joined together to design and implement a comprehensive outreach plan to promote Lifeline subscribership;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, *do hereby proclaim the week of September 14 – 20, 2015, as*

LIFELINE AWARENESS WEEK 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 25th day of August, 2015.

Governor

By the Governor:

Barbara K. Cegavske

Secretary of State

By Wayne Thorley

Deputy