



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, since its admission to the Union in 1864, the State of Nevada has played a pivotal role in the protection and security of the United States of America, proudly honoring the state's motto, "All for our Country,"; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's role in national security evolved shortly after the Allied victory in World War II, when President Harry Truman approved the use of land 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas for the testing of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, originally called the Nevada Proving Grounds, this enormous outdoor testing range would later become known as the Nevada Test Site, and is presently called the Nevada National Security Site; and

WHEREAS, on January 27, 1951, the U.S. government detonated its first atomic device on the Nevada National Security Site; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada National Security Site continues to facilitate critical efforts in support of nuclear stockpile stewardship, training for emergency responders, experimentation and testing related to the global war on terror, and our national ability to limit the threat of global nuclear proliferation; and

WHEREAS, since 1951, thousands of people living in Nevada have worked at the Nevada National Security Site, including more than 3,000 Nevadans who continue to work there today, comprised of U.S. Department of Energy employees, contractors and others who have contributed to the economic development and cultural diversity of our state, as well as the defense and security of our great nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2016, as a day in honor of the

65th ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEVADA NATIONAL SECURITY SITE



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 14th day of January, 2016.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Debra K. Segavste
Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy