



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, every year in the United States, 40,000 children are born with congenital heart defects, the most frequently occurring birth defect and leading cause of infant death due to birth defects; and

WHEREAS, more than a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects, many of whom tragically do not live to see their first birthday; and

WHEREAS, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth, and undiagnosed congenital heart conditions cause many cases of sudden cardiac death in youth athletes; and

WHEREAS, despite these statistics, newborn and young athletes are not routinely screened for congenital heart defects and a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for congenital heart defect research and support; and

WHEREAS, twice as many children die from congenital heart defects each year than from all forms of childhood cancer combined, and continued efforts to support research, treatment, and ultimately a cure for congenital heart defects are critical; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada proudly joins communities across the nation participating in the Walk with the Heart of a Child initiative, honoring children who are survivors living with congenital heart defects, paying tribute to the lives that have been lost due to this dreadful condition, and promoting a greater awareness of the need for effective treatment and early diagnosis of congenital heart defects;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim February 27, 2016, as

WALK WITH THE HEART OF A CHILD 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 February, 2016.

By Brian Sandoval Governor

By Barbara K. Cegavske Secretary of State

By Wayne Thibault Deputy