State of Nevada

Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *each year in cities and communities around the world, International Women's Day is observed to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political contributions and achievements of women; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Nevada has a long and proud tradition of fostering equality for women, granting the right to vote to women in 1914, six years before the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and*

WHEREAS, *countless women, from Sarah Winnemucca and Helen J. Stewart to Maude Frazier and Barbara Vucanovich, have contributed in extraordinary ways to the history and development of the State of Nevada, forging new paths as pioneers, innovators, and leaders in education, commerce, culture, and the political arena; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Nevada remains committed to the fundamental principle that all citizens, regardless of sex or gender, deserve equal opportunities to realize their full potential, to pursue their own professional opportunities and ambitions, to follow their dreams, and to succeed; and*

WHEREAS, *with acknowledgment of and appreciation for the unique and important roles that women have played and continue to play across all aspects of our society, and in keeping with the time-honored ideal of equality that continues to inspire our nation, the State of Nevada proudly celebrates the achievements and contributions of women past, present, and future;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, *do hereby proclaim March 8, 2016, as*

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S 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 4th day of March, 2016.

Governor

By the Governor:

Barbara K. Cegavske

Secretary of State

By

Deputy