



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, urinary tract, ovarian, pancreatic, and other types of cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, geneticists estimate that approximately 6,200 Nevadans, and over 800,000 persons throughout the United States, have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome, and studies show that only 5% of those with a family or personal history of colon cancer have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, knowledge of family health history, and sharing that history with a physician, may lead to earlier diagnosis of hereditary cancers such as Lynch syndrome, increasing the chances of effective, life-saving treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, recommended regular screenings for colorectal or endometrial cancer, as well as other early detection and medical surveillance steps, are critical to diagnosing Lynch syndrome at an early stage and can be lifesaving; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada encourages all citizens to take active steps in detecting harmful diseases and conditions such as Lynch syndrome at an early stage, and supports efforts to raise awareness about the importance of detection, prevention, and treatment of Lynch syndrome and other hereditary cancers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2016, as**

### **LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY**



*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 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

*Lyliana K. Cegavske*  
Secretary of State

By

*Chelence Matye*  
Deputy

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