



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Americans across the nation are victimized by more than 20 million crimes each year, and crime touches the lives of persons from all walks of life, regardless of age, race, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, many crime victims face special challenges in securing appropriate supportive services, including victims with disabilities, young victims of color, victims with mental health needs, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the victims services community has worked for decades to create environments in which victims are safe and supported, recognizing that victims who are denied access to supportive services are at greater risk for long-term consequences of crime through no fault of their own; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 212 (AB 212) was approved by the legislature and signed into law during the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, representing a major step forward in protecting victims of sex crimes, particularly those victimized at an early age, and empowering them with more time and more meaningful opportunity to seek redress and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada is committed to honoring the rights of crime victims, including the right to be heard and the right to be treated with fairness and dignity, with acknowledgement that meeting the needs of crime victims reinforces the public trust in the criminal justice and social service systems of this great state; and

**WHEREAS**, National Crime Victims' Week provides an important opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to ensuring that all crime victims have access to effective support services and programs, especially those victims who face unique challenges on their path to recovery;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2016, as**

### **CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

*Bouhana K. Cegorste*  
Secretary of State

By

Deputy