



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the month of April each year has been designated as Paleontological Awareness Month in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the study of paleontology seeks to uncover information about the history of the Earth through the exploration and discovery of fossils, their environment, and their natural histories; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of state and local officers, private and non-profit groups and foundations, schools, businesses, and other public and private entities to work toward the goal of preserving the paleontology resources of Nevada are inspired by an appreciation for the importance of understanding Earth's history; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada has adopted the Ichthyosaur as the official state fossil, and is the only state to possess a complete skeleton of this extinct marine reptile; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's paleontological sites include the Berlin-Ichthyosaur State Park and Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument, which continue to attract renowned scientists and distinguished researchers, making Nevada a notable contributor to the science of paleontology; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada proudly celebrates its natural history and heritage and the special role that paleontology continues to play in helping us to understand our past as we reach for a brighter future; and

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

PALEONTOLOGICAL AWARENESS MONTH 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 28th day of April, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

Barbara K. Cogan
Secretary of State

By

Scott M. Hudon
Deputy