



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, promoting the health and wellness of all Nevadans remains a critical objective of state government and includes efforts to enhance mental and behavioral health care and access to resources that assist Nevadans with mental or behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, mental health needs are related to serious behavioral and developmental issues that can have adverse impacts on an individual's life, leading to potentially harmful outcomes that impair a person's ability to maintain employment, sustain interpersonal relationships, and succeed professionally; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to address the mental health needs of Nevada's vulnerable citizens, including young people and the elderly, who often lack a voice to advocate on their behalf or who face obstacles to care due to stigma often associated with mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 35 was approved and signed into law during the 78th Legislative Session, making the State of Nevada a signatory state to the Interstate Compact on Mental Health, which facilitates interstate cooperation that helps to meaningfully provide expanded resources and access to care for those with mental health needs; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and treatment of mental and behavioral health disorders are critical components to the state's ongoing efforts to address mental health needs, and Nevada is home to thousands of dedicated mental health professionals, research, care providers, public agency employees, and service organizations who are making a profound difference in the lives of those with mental health needs; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is committed to meeting the needs of those living with mental and behavioral health disorders, and supports initiatives that help to raise broader awareness regarding mental and behavioral health issues, with appreciation for all who are working to improve research and treatment options in the area of mental health;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2016, as

MENTAL HEALTH 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 27th day of August, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

Bonnie K. Cogan
Secretary of State

By

Scott W. Anderson
Deputy