State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *National Small Business Week has been observed in the United States since 1963 and highlights the critical role that small businesses and entrepreneurs play in supporting economic growth and job creation; and*

WHEREAS, *approximately two out of every three new jobs are created by small businesses each year, and more than half of Americans either operate or are employed by a small business; and*

WHEREAS, *the theme of this year's Small Business Week is "Dream Big, Start Small," reflecting the principles of innovation, hard work, optimism, and individual enterprise that continue to inspire millions of business owners to succeed as they pursue their dreams; and*

WHEREAS, *Nevada's small business community continues to drive dynamic economic growth and expansion that is outpacing national trends, and has been on the frontlines of this state's recovery from one of the worst economic downturns in generations; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Nevada acknowledges the hard work and sacrifices of every small business and small business owner, as well as they role they play in spurring innovation and propelling our state's economy toward a stronger and more prosperous future; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Nevada applauds the risk takers and hard-working individuals who continue to pursue their own American Dream, with continued commitment to facilitating economic growth and an atmosphere that encourages and promotes success in entrepreneurship and private enterprise;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, *do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2016 as*

SMALL BUSINESS 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 27th day of April 2016.

By the Governor: *Governor*

Secretary of State

By *Deputy*