State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *the U.S. Board on Geographic Names is a federal entity created in 1890 and established in its present form in 1947 to maintain uniform geographic name usage throughout the Federal Government; and*

WHEREAS, *the Board is comprised of federal representatives from agencies involved with geographic information, population, ecology, and public lands management, and has oversight over the guidelines and procedures related to the official naming of geographic features; and*

WHEREAS, *the critical work and essential functions of the Board are rooted in complex geographic issues that resulted from the Civil War, and the role of the Board expanded after World War II, becoming a model from which more than 50 foreign nations have adopted similar bodies; and*

WHEREAS, *the Board continues to execute its mission in the modern era, utilizing 21st century technology to help ensure standardization and collaboration among federal, state, and local stakeholders, and helping to preserve our nation's traditions, local histories and cultures, and our national heritage; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Nevada warmly welcomes the U.S. Board on Geographic Names as it convenes in the Silver State for its annual conference, with appreciation to the Board and to those who support its role and mission for their dedication and commitment to serving our nation;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, *do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2016, as*

U.S. BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES APPRECIATION 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 3rd day of May, 2016.

Governor

By the Governor:

Barbara K. Cegavske

Secretary of State

By

Deputy