



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, the month of May has been designated as Mental Health Awareness Month in Nevada, highlighting our state's continued commitment to meeting the needs of those with mental health disorders and developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, caring for the mental health needs of children is especially critical, as they are particularly vulnerable and may not have the ability to advocate on their own behalf, and addressing the complex mental health needs of children, youth, and families is fundamental to supporting the health, resilience, and future of Nevada's communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for 2016 Children's Mental Health Awareness Day is "Finding Help, Finding Hope," reflecting the idea that children who receive the mental health support and assistance they need are better able to thrive as individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada remains committed to securing access to mental health care, assistance, and supportive services for children and families struggling with mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, during the 78<sup>th</sup> Regular Legislative Session, legislative reforms were approved and signed into law that significantly increased funding for and expanded access to mental health services, including additional funding for mental health and social work professionals, in order to better meet the needs of Nevada's children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's children and young people with mental health needs are well served by dedicated state agencies and professionals, as well as not-for-profit organizations, private sector care providers and researchers, and community advocates working to provide effective treatment, diagnosis, care, and support for those struggling with mental health disorders and disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada joins other states and communities across the nation in observing Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, with continued commitment to meeting the needs of our state's children struggling with mental health disorders and developmental disabilities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,** do hereby proclaim May 5, 2016, as

### **CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

*Barbara K. Cogan*  
Secretary of State

By

*Scott M. Korman*  
Deputy