



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is committed to promoting the health and welfare of the citizens of this state, including efforts to increase awareness regarding the importance of early detection and diagnosis of harmful diseases and disorders; and

WHEREAS, chronic hepatitis B (HBV) affects approximately 350 million people worldwide, and the hepatitis C virus (HCV) affects approximately 170-200 million people, and millions of these people are still living with the burden of stigma associated with these viral infections; and

WHEREAS, although prevention methods and vaccinations have significantly reduced the current incidence of hepatitis, because no symptoms are apparent at the early stages of disease up to 65 to 75 percent of Americans with HBV or HCV are not aware of their diagnosis and do not seek treatment; and

WHEREAS, hepatitis risk assessments indicate that early detection of hepatitis can be vital in the prevention of acute hepatitis leading to a chronic infection, it also reveals the dangers of being unaware of a hepatic diagnosis, and studies have found that patients whose treatment began at early stages in their illness have experienced improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada joins states and communities across the nation in support of efforts to raise awareness regarding the importance of hepatitis testing and diagnosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim May 19, 2016 as

NATIONAL HEPATITIS TESTING 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 18th day of May, 2016.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Barbara K. Gagaroske
Secretary of State

By *Scott W. Linder*
Deputy