



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of vulnerable populations such as infants and young children; and

WHEREAS, pediatric stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 1,600 to 4,000 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children in the United States; and

WHEREAS, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who suffer a pediatric stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the life-long health concerns and treatment requirements resulting from pediatric stroke inflict a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and on society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of pediatric stroke and risk factors, symptoms, prevention methods, and treatment are often different for children than for adults; and

WHEREAS, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment for pediatric stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence, and continued medical research is necessary in order to develop more effective prevention strategies for pediatric stroke; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada continues to support efforts to raise awareness concerning pediatric stroke and the needs of Nevada's children and families who have been touched by pediatric stroke;

NOW, THEREFORE, I BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim May 20, 2016 as

PEDIATRIC STROKE 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 13th day of May 2016.

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Barbara K. Ceganski
Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy