



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, currently one in ten Americans, a total of over 36 million, have experienced hearing loss and more than 79,940 report having some form of a hearing disability; and

WHEREAS, three out of every one thousand American children are born with hearing loss and cochlear implant technology has allowed over 30,000 children and 40,000 adults in the United States to hear; and

WHEREAS, only 7% of those who qualify for a cochlear implant are using this innovative technology to hear; and

WHEREAS, more than 90% of deaf children are born to hearing parents, while only 5% of newly diagnosed deaf individuals report receiving any information concerning life-changing cochlear implant technology; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is committed to promoting broader awareness of persons living with hearing loss and the solutions that cochlear implant technology offers for persons with hearing disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the week of July 31-August 6, 2016 as

COCHLEAR IMPLANT AWARENESS WEEK



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 23rd day of June, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

Brian K. Sandoval
Secretary of State

By

Scott W. Linder
Deputy