



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Gastroparesis is a chronic illness which, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), affects more than 5 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, Gastroparesis, or "paralysis of the stomach," is a digestive disorder which causes those afflicted to experience side effects, including debilitating pain, nausea, and vomiting, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss or gain, and overwhelming fatigue; and

**WHEREAS**, most of those diagnosed with Gastroparesis are labeled idiopathic, and despite extensive testing, cannot be certain of the cause of this disorder, and therefore face treatments which address only the symptoms and not the cause of their disease; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the significant impact on the lives of those living with Gastroparesis, there is little public awareness, no known cure, and few effective treatment options or medications for this disease; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to support more research, additional treatment options, effective medications, enhanced services, and normalcy in the daily lives of those living with Gastroparesis help to address a critical public health and wellness need; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada is committed to promoting the health and welfare of all citizens of this state, including those living with Gastroparesis and other diseases, and supports efforts to raise public awareness regarding the needs of those who have been diagnosed with Gastroparesis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2016 as

### **GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH**



*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 June, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

*Barbara K. Cegavske*  
Secretary of State

By

*Scott M. Gibson*  
Deputy