



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the 1st Battalion 9th Marine Association is committed to preserving the memory, and paying tribute to those Marines who served bravely, putting service ahead of self each and every day; and

WHEREAS, the 1st Battalion 9th Marine Association elected to host their 2016 reunion in Reno, Nevada in order to salute the City of Reno and the great State of Nevada for their aid and assistance during a tragic training accident that occurred at the Hawthorne Army Depot in March 2013; and

WHEREAS, seven Marines lost their lives and other Marines and a Navy Corpsman were injured in this tragedy; and

WHEREAS, the 1st Battalion 9th Marine Association is dedicated to honoring and remembering all members of the Association who have given their lives selflessly serving our country including; Pfc. Joshua M. Martino, Lance Cpl. David P. Fenn II, Lance Cpl. Roger W. Muchnick Jr., Lance Cpl. Joshua C. Taylor, Lance Cpl. Mason J. Vanderwork, Lance Cpl. William T. Wild IV and Cpl. Aaron J. Ripperda who lost their lives at the Hawthorne Army Depot; and

WHEREAS, the 1st Battalion 9th Marine Association offers special thanks and gratitude to the City of Reno, first responders, doctors, nurses and citizens of Northern Nevada whose outpouring of love, care and assistance was greatly appreciated during this time of mourning; and

WHEREAS, the 1st Battalion 9th Marine Regiment has a storied history dating to World War I where they, like Nevada, were Battle Born, and its history continues throughout World War II, the Vietnam conflict, and the Global War on Terrorism; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim August 30, 2016, a day in honor of the

1ST BATTALION 9TH MARINE ASSOCIATION



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 15th day of August, 2016.

By the Governor:

Governor

Baylana K. Cegavske
Secretary of State

By

Chadence Mack
Deputy