



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) was founded in 1937 to provide education, technical assistance, and research to courts across the United States, and has been affiliated with the University of Nevada, Reno campus since 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mari Kay Bickett, J.D., joined the NCJFCJ as Chief Executive Officer on April 1, 2011, and since that time has led one of the oldest judicial membership organizations in the nation, dedicated to supporting judges in the critical work they do to improve outcomes for children, families, and victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the NCJFCJ has recognized Mari Kay Bickett for achieving a record-setting year with 23 grant awards totaling more than \$11.3 million in funding, and more than \$14 million in economic support for Nevada's communities; and

WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Mari Kay Bickett worked to enhance the local and national profile of NCJFCJ, and because of her leadership, the NCJFCJ has strengthened its reputation as a national expert on juvenile and family law issues; and

WHEREAS, for the past 5 years, Mari Kay Bickett has led and advanced the organization's efforts in our nation's capital, directly supporting judicial experts and our nation's policymakers and professionals in the field on topics ranging from the role of the judge, domestic child sex trafficking, trauma-informed courts, domestic violence, child maltreatment, and juvenile justice; and

WHEREAS, after more than 5 years of leadership, Mari Kay Bickett has retired from NCJFCJ, having made a profound difference through her service and commitment to juvenile justice; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada commends Mari Kay Bickett for her many years of dedicated service to Nevada's families, with deepest appreciation to her for her lasting contributions in support of enhancing the administration of justice in the Silver State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2016 as a day in honor of

MARI KAY BICKETT



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 8th day of September, 2016.

By [Signature] Governor

By Debra K. Cegavske Secretary of State

By [Signature] Deputy