



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people and it occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology; and

WHEREAS, researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence and thousands of Nevada children and adolescents are affected by bullying annually; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear activities such as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at a greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors and children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is dedicated to providing a safe and respectful learning environment in which people with differing beliefs and backgrounds can reach their full academic and personal potential without the fear of bullying; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada is committed to protecting the students of the Silver State and during the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature the Safe and Respectful Learning Environment Office in the Department of Education was established, reporting requirements for bullying incidents were strengthened, and a 24-hour hotline and website were created to submit information;

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

BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH 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 22nd day of September, 2016

By the Governor: _____ Governor

Bethana K. Segovske
Secretary of State

By *Scott Anderson*
Deputy