State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *the proud history and character of the great State of Nevada includes the rich histories, cultures, and traditions of Nevada's native tribal communities, including the Washoe, Northern Paiute, Western Shoshone, and Southern Paiute; and*

WHEREAS, *the unique customs and traditions of each of Nevada's tribal communities contribute in powerful ways to our state's cultural vitality and diversity, and should be shared with and celebrated by our citizens; and*

WHEREAS, *many of Nevada's most treasured and iconic natural sites and locations reflect the history of the state's native tribes, including Lake Tahoe, which is rooted in the Washoe word for "the lake;" and*

WHEREAS, *native tribes have resided in Nevada for more than 9,000 years, and have made a profound impact on the state's development since its earliest days as a rugged, untamed wilderness; and*

WHEREAS, *Nevada's Stewart Indian School is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as a present day monument to the experiences of countless American Indians in Nevada and across the Western United States; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Nevada is committed to celebrating the contributions of tribal communities, preserving and sharing their stories and traditions, and acknowledging the special role that they have played throughout Nevada's history, as well as the role they will continue to play in shaping the future of the Silver State;*

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

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE 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 13th day of October, 2016.

Governor

By the Governor: Barbara K. Cegavske

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy