



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, promoting safe and healthy communities in Nevada involves supporting initiatives that raise awareness about disabilities and harmful conditions, as well as educational opportunities regarding treatment for, prevention of, and research into those conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Down syndrome is a genetic condition that occurs in approximately one in every 800 births; and

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 400,000 people of various ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic groups with Down syndrome living in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, life expectancy for people with Down syndrome has increased from 25 years of age in 1983 to 60 years of age today; and

**WHEREAS**, early intervention, appropriate speech, physical and occupational therapies, vocational training, and Postsecondary Education opportunities enable people with Down syndrome to prepare for gainful employment and independent living; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada joins communities across the nation recognizing March 21, 2016 as the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World Down Syndrome Day, with continued commitment to celebrating and recognizing the talents, potential, contributions, and achievements of those living with Down syndrome;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2016, as

### **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

*Barbara K. Cegavske*  
Secretary of State

By *W. J. Threlby* Deputy

