



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Gastroschisis is a birth defect of the abdominal wall, where it is not fully formed when a child is born and the abdominal contents are exposed to the outside of the body and vulnerable to infection; and

**WHEREAS**, the cause of Gastroschisis is largely unknown, and patients and their families work hard to educate the public and raise funds for research; and

**WHEREAS**, 1 in 2,229 individuals are born with Gastroschisis in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, many Americans living with Gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on their lives, including failure to thrive or slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long term feeding issues; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and families affected by Gastroschisis often experience a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, Gastroschisis Awareness Day is an opportunity to come together in support for families and medical professionals and increase awareness;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2017 as**

### **GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

By the Governor:

Governor

*Deborah L. Legarste*  
Secretary of State

By

*Scott Gordon*  
Deputy