



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Multiple System Atrophy or MSA is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder characterized by symptoms of autonomic nervous system failure; and

**WHEREAS**, The symptoms of MSA are fainting spells, bladder control problems, combined with motor control symptoms, such as tremors, rigidity and loss of muscle coordination. MSA affects both men and women primarily in their 50's; and

**WHEREAS**, The causes of MSA are unknown, the disorder's symptoms reflect the loss of nerve cells in several different areas in the brain and spinal cord that control the autonomic nervous system and coordinate muscle movements. There currently is no cure for MSA and no treatments to delay the progress of neurodegeneration in the brain. The disease tends to advance rapidly over the course of 9 to 10 years, with progressive loss of motor skills, eventual confinement to bed, and death; and

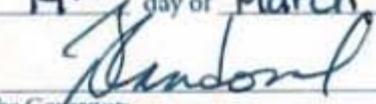
**WHEREAS**, Multiple System Atrophy Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of MSA patient's circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact the disease has not only on the patient but on his or her family and the community and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this horrible disease;

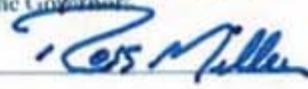
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, do hereby proclaim March 2013 as

### **Multiple System Atrophy Awareness 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2013.

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

  
Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy