



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes Foundation is a pioneer in improving the health of infants and women of childbearing age by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was founded by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1938 to fight polio and in 1958, having achieved its initial mission, the March of Dimes shifted its attention from polio to the prevention of birth defects; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has undertaken decades of groundbreaking research in maternal and child health, which has led to the discovery of lifesaving products and tests; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes was a pioneer in the support of newborn screening, urging Congress to pass and fund the Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is a long-time advocate for access to health care for women of childbearing age, infants, children and families, ensuring they have access to private and public health coverage; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the March of Dimes launched the Prematurity Campaign to address the crisis of premature birth and help families have full-term, healthy babies and authored the Premature Research Expansion and Education Act for Mothers (PREEMIE) Act, which Congress enacted in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has set a national goal of reducing preterm birth to 9.6 percent in every state by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes sponsors numerous programs to support healthy pregnancies and infants; and

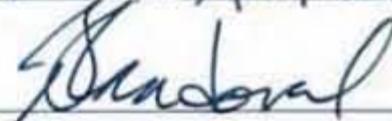
WHEREAS, the March of Dimes and its volunteers continue to advocate for national and state health policies and programs that affect women of childbearing age, infants, children and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2013 as

MARCH OF DIMES 75TH ANNIVERSARY 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 4th day of April, 2013.


By the Governor: _____ Governor


Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy