



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, giving babies the recommended immunizations by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the United States has the safest, most effective vaccine supply in its history, but vaccine-preventable diseases still circulate in the United States and around the world, so continued vaccination is necessary to protect everyone from potential outbreaks and even when diseases are rare in the U.S., they can be brought into the country, putting unvaccinated children at risk; and

**WHEREAS**, most parents vaccinate their children, resulting in high vaccine coverage rates in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, when people are unvaccinated, outbreaks of diseases like pertussis (whooping cough) and measles can—and do—return; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to vaccinate children on time, according to the childhood immunization schedule, to provide the best protection early in life, when babies are vulnerable and before they are likely to be exposed to diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, for 19 years, National Infant Immunization Week has encouraged parents, caregivers, and health care professionals to participate in educational, recognition, and media events to increase the awareness of the importance of immunizing children before their second birthday; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, National Infant Immunization Week will be celebrated as part of the World Immunization Week, an initiative of the World Health Organization (WHO) where all six WHO regions, including more than 180 Member States, territories, and areas will simultaneously promote immunization, advance equity in the use of vaccines and universal access to vaccination services, and enable cooperation on cross-border immunization activities in April 2013; and

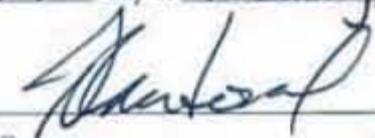
**WHEREAS**, the week of April 20-27, 2013 has been declared National Infant Immunization Week to help ensure that children should be protected against 14 vaccine-preventable diseases by the age of two;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 20-27, 2013 as**

### **INFANT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

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

  
Secretary of State

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