



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week, in its 40th year, continues to inspire, recognize and encourage Americans to seek ways to engage in their community, and meet challenges not as isolated individuals, but as members of a community, with all Americans working together; and

WHEREAS, service to others is a hallmark of the Nevadan character, and throughout our history as a state, citizens have stepped up to meet our challenges by volunteering in their communities; and

WHEREAS, over 450,000 of Nevada's volunteers selflessly give over 59.8 million hours of their time and energy to improve communities all across Nevada in every aspect of life—from the arts to education, the environment, health and wellness, and to helping the vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, service defines us as a people, it is therefore important to encourage our young people, 24.5 percent of whom already volunteer, to engage in service and service-learning through our educational, faith, and community structures in order to build a civic character; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's volunteers are a great treasure, giving at an average of 29.5 hours per resident per year, and they are vital to our future as a caring and productive state; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Volunteers, the Governor's Commission on Service, supports 308 AmeriCorps members who give over 259,930 hours of service to Nevada, and Nevada Volunteers provides support to the volunteer infrastructure with over 500 nonprofit organizations registered and posting volunteer opportunities; and

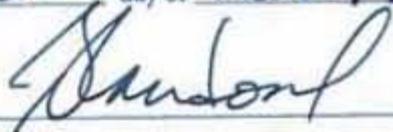
WHEREAS, the Governor's Office joins Nevada Volunteers in recognizing volunteers and their remarkable efforts with the Governor's Certificate of Service and has honored 70 volunteers since its inauguration in April 2012; and

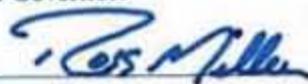
WHEREAS, the citizens of Nevada are encouraged to volunteer in their local communities and to be recognized for their significant contributions throughout our state during National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, 2013;

NOW THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 21-27, 2013 as

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER 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 27th day of March, 2013.


By the Governor: _____ Governor


Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy

