State of Nevada Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence and Scrap Domestic Violence publicly takes a stand against rape; and

WHEREAS, April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence and Scrap Domestic Violence partnered to promote 2013 Denim Day in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the state joins Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence, Scrap Domestic Violence and the global anti-sexual violence movement in the 14th year of wearing and displaying denim as a symbol of protest against victim blaming. This act is in response to an Italian High Court decision to overturn a rape conviction because the victim was wearing tight denim jeans; and

WHEREAS, Many Nevadans dedicate their lives' to sexual violence prevention and education efforts to challenge the societal myths and behaviors that perpetuate rape; and

WHEREAS, Nevadans vow to create a safer environment for all residents and visitors of our cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence and Scrap Domestic Violence call upon Nevadans to engage in the common goal of ending sexual assault and violence; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence and Scrap Domestic Violence declare there is no excuse and never an invitation to rape; and

WHEREAS, the state and the Governor's office will participate in Denim Day on April 24, 2013;

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

Sexual Assault 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 27th day of March, 2013.

By the Governor _____ *Governor*

_____ *Secretary of State*

By _____ *Deputy*