



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, a native of Gulfport, Mississippi, Marilyn Newton was a Navy brat, locating in Carson City with her family when she was five, where her father became a deputy with the Carson City Sheriff's Office and thus began her interest in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn's twin sister Elaine would later become Washoe County's first female homicide detective and Marilyn, however, chose to cover the news rather than be involved in it; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 18 Marilyn started with the Reno Evening Gazette as a girl Friday, covering everything from stock car races to news, learning as she went along. Within 6 months she started packing a camera and when she turned 21 she started covering the cop beat. With her background, she was well-suited for covering cops and breaking news remains her passion today; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 she moved to the Nevada State Journal as a photographer and when the two papers merged in 1981, she remained as a photographer; and

WHEREAS, through those 50 years Marilyn covered many of the most infamous news stories in northern Nevada including the Harvey's bombing at Stateline, the Galaxy crash in south Reno and the Priscilla Ford Thanksgiving Day rampage down Virginia St. in downtown Reno; and

WHEREAS, while covering hard news is her passion, Newton also loves photographing spring wildflowers and fall color in the area as well as profiles of long-time Nevadans. Though born in Mississippi, no one has more pride in being a Nevadan than Marilyn Newton and her devotion to the readers of the RGJ has been the driving force in her career; and

WHEREAS, she loves doing stories on the history of Nevada's towns and ghost towns and has many friends throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn has a special connection to the Guard units in northern Nevada and in the first Gulf War, she took it upon herself to come in to work at 4 a.m. and do a condensed version of that day's paper, her "Little Guy," and fax it to Kuwait or wherever Nevada Guardsmen were stationed. She did that seven days a week for the duration of the conflict and her effort speaks volumes about her dedication to men and women in uniform; and

WHEREAS, the state congratulates Marilyn on reaching this remarkable milestone. Keep shooting lady!;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA do hereby proclaim August 5, 2013 as a day in honor of

MARILYN NEWTON



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 23rd day of May, 2013.



Governor

By the Governor:


Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy