



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, 20 – 30 percent of the general North American population experiences bothersome upper and lower digestive tract motility disturbances on a chronic basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Gastroparesis is a disorder where the stomach is slow to empty its contents and represents the most severe degree of such disturbances and with few medical treatment options available, this digestive disease can disable individuals in the prime of their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Gastroparesis patients must see their physician more frequently, visit hospital emergency rooms more often, and have higher rates of hospital admissions for treatment of symptoms particularly nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain; and

**WHEREAS**, unlike many diseases, there are no early warning signs, testing is not usually performed until significant symptoms have developed and there are no drugs that effectively treat symptoms associated with Gastroparesis; and

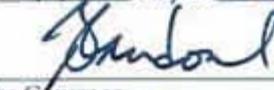
**WHEREAS**, while sufferers are significantly impacted by chronic symptoms of Gastroparesis, the lack of awareness and understanding is the largest problem facing patients today;

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

### **GASTROPARESIS 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 17th day of June, 2013.

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

  
Secretary of State

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