



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2,758,931 citizens in Nevada and approximately 11,035 of them have Charcot-Marie-Tooth; and

WHEREAS, often not noticed at birth, there are many citizens who may be undiagnosed, misdiagnosed or unaware of the slow progression of this insidious and degenerative neuromuscular disorder; and

WHEREAS, CMT often manifests itself during childhood; however its progression may go hidden until later in life. Muscle atrophy in the extremities, coupled with ataxia, chronic pain, overwhelming fatigue and loss of sensation often perplexes doctors and other medical professionals who remain uneducated about Charcot-Marie-Tooth Disease; and

WHEREAS, CMT Awareness Month is designed to promote the signs and symptoms of CMT to both the public and medical communities; to encourage people to seek medical assistance before deformities and nerve damage occur; and

WHEREAS, genetic testing, although expensive, is often the best way to detect the presence of CMT. Early intervention in children is critical to good health and disease management. CMTA's STAR (Strategy to Accelerate Research) Initiative is dedicated to conducting research and development of treatments and ultimately the cure; and

WHEREAS, funding for this integral program is based on public donations and corporate alliances and the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association is working nationally and internationally to expand public awareness this coming September and special events are being planned coast to coast and in fact, worldwide;

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

Charcot-Marie-Tooth 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 6th day of September, 2013

By the Governor:

Governor

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy