



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 3rd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 24;

WHEREAS, suicide is now the 6th leading cause of all deaths in the state of Nevada, the 2nd leading cause of death among people from the age 15 to 34, and 3rd leading cause of death for age group 35-44 in Nevada;

WHEREAS, in the United States, veterans comprise an estimated 20 percent of suicides in the Nation, on the average 24 percent of Nevada's suicides are military Veterans;

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 14.2 minutes;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 4.73 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide);

WHEREAS, history tells us 55% of Nevadan's who die by suicide use a firearm, 58% of middle age men use a gun when choosing to die by suicide, and 79% of the time an elder 65+ chooses to end their life, they use a gun;

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicidality continues to work against suicide prevention efforts by discouraging Nevadan's at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving assistance and further traumatizes survivors of suicide;

WHEREAS, a great many suicides are preventable, in one recent year 16 Nevadan youth (10-17) took their own lives, eleven of them used a gun;

WHEREAS, statewide suicide prevention efforts should continue to be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible;

WHEREAS, the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention continues to coordinate the collaborative development and implementation of evidence based suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention strategies, and programs in the State of Nevada; and

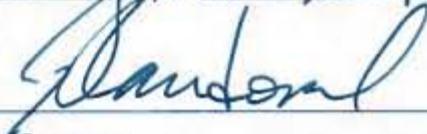
WHEREAS, the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention will sponsor the statewide "Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope" event on September 14th, 2013. Eleven communities will walk to remember those individuals we have lost to suicide and call greater attention to the state's suicide prevention efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim September 8 - 14, 2013 as

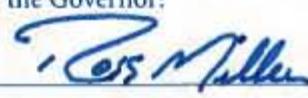
SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK IN NEVADA



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 20th day of August, 2013.



Governor

By the Governor:


Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy