



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, we believe that each child should have the opportunity for a better day and a future bright with potential and good health; and

WHEREAS, four million children and adolescents in this country suffer from a serious mental disorder that causes significant functional impairments at home, at school, and with peers. Of children ages 9 to 17, twenty-one percent have a diagnosable mental or addictive disorder that causes at least minimal impairment; and

WHEREAS, half of all lifetime cases of mental disorders begin by age 14; and

WHEREAS, in any given year, only twenty percent of children with mental disorders are identified and receive mental health services; and

WHEREAS, for a quarter of a century, Willow Springs Center has provided a standard of excellence in behavioral health residential care to the children of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, thousands of children and families have found restored hope and healing, and lives have been saved from the ravages of mental illness and addictions through the efforts and dedication of the staff and physicians of Willow Springs Center; and

WHEREAS, Willow Springs Center was presented with a national award for setting the highest standards in Quality and Innovation in children's mental health residential services in 2013; and

WHEREAS, this is a special time to celebrate the professionalism and overriding compassion exhibited by Willow Springs Center to those entrusted to them on their 25th anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim October 23rd as

WILLOW SPRINGS CENTER DAY



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 24th day of October, 2013.

By the Governor _____ Governor

By Cass Miller _____ Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy