



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, there are more than 171,000 licensed Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in the United States with approximately 880 NPs practicing in the State of Nevada, providing high-quality, cost-effective, patient-centered, personalized health care for nearly half a century; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs have graduated, with advanced education (e.g., Master's Degrees and an increasing number have Doctorates); and

**WHEREAS**, NPs order, perform and interpret diagnostic tests, diagnose and treat acute and chronic conditions; and prescribe medications and other treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs are truly partners in the health care of their patients, so that in addition to clinical services, NPs focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health education and counseling, guiding patients to make smarter health and lifestyle choices; and

**WHEREAS**, the excellence, safety, and cost-effectiveness of the care provided by NPs is established and well documented; and

**WHEREAS**, NPs provide health care to people of all ages and in diverse health care settings such as private office practice, hospitals, long-term care facilities, schools, state and local health departments, managed care facilities, and retail-based clinics; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 18 percent of NPs practice in rural settings with populations of less than 25,000; and

**WHEREAS**, it is documented that patients of NPs are given more personal time and attention than they traditionally receive from other health care providers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**, do hereby proclaim November 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> as

### **National Nurse Practitioners Week**



*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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013

By the Brian Sandoval Governor

Cass Miller Secretary of State

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