



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, created by the U.S. Congress in 1998, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally funded program designed to increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP is based upon proven models that support institutions of higher education, local schools and their districts, community-based organizations, businesses, and states as they work together to help students and their parents receive information, training, and support along the road to postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP currently offers postsecondary preparatory opportunities to over 550,000 students per year, through 159 State and Partnership grants in 42 states, Puerto Rico and Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCPEP) is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization committed to increasing academic achievement and access to higher education for minority and economically disadvantaged students through systemic change in education; and

WHEREAS, NCCPEP provides leadership, advocacy, professional development and technical assistance to college access practitioners, with the GEAR UP grantees as its primary constituency; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,100 GEAR UP professionals and partners registered for the 2013 NCCPEP/GEAR UP Capacity-Building Workshop, a professional development and training workshop for new and experienced GEAR UP professionals now in its 12th year, which helps college access practitioners effectively meet their project goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the NCCPEP/GEAR UP Capacity-Building Workshop offers a unique opportunity for GEAR UP teams to learn and explore new concepts together, developing common strategies that positively impact the valuable college access work they are doing; and

WHEREAS, the NCCPEP/GEAR UP Capacity-Building Workshop is coordinated and designed by NCCPEP, and planned in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Education once a year; and

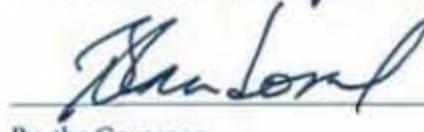
WHEREAS, the 2013 NCCPEP/GEAR UP Capacity-Building Workshop will take place in the host city of Las Vegas, on February 03-06, 2013 at the Caesars Palace Las Vegas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim February 3-6, 2013 as

2013 NCCPEP/GEAR UP Capacity Building Workshop 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 11th day of January, 2013.



Governor

By the Governor:


Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy