



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, no less than 556,000 Nevadans will experience behavioral health (mental health and substance use/abuse) challenges in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada recognizes that behavioral health is essential to the overall health of every individual and our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada has continued to show strong efforts to work with our community to reduce the stigma associated with mental and substance use/abuse disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services is dutifully, professionally and ethically administering programs which serve approximately 35,000 people with serious mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services is dutifully, professionally and ethically administering programs which serve approximately 4,000 children with serious emotional disturbance and their families each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, with the support of the Governor and Legislature, has developed modern behavioral health programs which include consumers and their families in the development of high quality and recovery oriented programs for people with mental illnesses and substance use/abuse disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, many consumers of behavioral health services, their families and community members express appreciation for the people and programs at the Nevada Division of Mental Health and Developmental Services, the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services and their community providers and partners,

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

### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2013

Brian Sandoval  
By the Governor Governor

Chris Miller  
Secretary of State

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Deputy