



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, progressive, neurological disease and is the second most common neurological disease in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, there is inadequate comprehensive data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, it is estimated that the disease affects 500,000 to 1,500,000 people in the United States and the prevalence will more than double by 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that the economic burden of Parkinson's disease is \$14.4 billion, including indirect costs to patients and family members of \$6.3 billion each year; and

**WHEREAS**, although research suggests the cause of Parkinson's disease is a combination of genetic and environmental factors, the exact cause and progression of the disease is still unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no objective test or biomarker for Parkinson's disease, and the rate of misdiagnosis can be high; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms of Parkinson's disease vary from person to person and include tremors, slowness of movement, difficulty with balance, swallowing, chewing, speaking, rigidity, cognitive impairment, demential, mood disorders (such as depression and anxiety) constipation, skin problems and sleep difficulties; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no cure, therapy, or drug to slow or halt the progression of Parkinson's disease; and

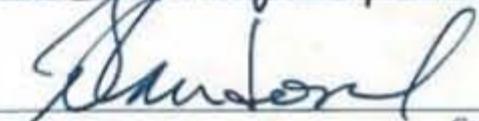
**WHEREAS**, increased education and research are needed to find more effective treatments with fewer side effects and, ultimately, an effective treatment or cure for Parkinson's disease;

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

### **Parkinson's Awareness 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 2nd day of April, 2013.

  
By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

  
Secretary of State

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