



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (TB) is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, causing disease in approximately one hundred residents of Nevada annually, infecting an estimated eight hundred more with the bacterium that causes tuberculosis, and placing Nevada above the national average, as the twelfth highest state in the nation for TB cases per population in 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada has been experiencing an increase in the frequency of pediatric TB cases, placing Nevada as the state with the second highest percentage of TB cases in children under 15 in the nation; causing Nevada families to face a myriad of consequences that include financial, educational, psychosocial, and life-long complications; and

**WHEREAS**, Multi-Drug Resistant TB (MDR-TB) is becoming an increasing problem in the prevention and control of TB in Nevada, and the spread of multi-drug resistant organisms challenges resources and threatens to undermine our goal to ultimately eliminate TB; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada is one of only nine U.S. states to have reported treating cases of extensively drug resistant forms of tuberculosis (XDR-TB); and evaluates individuals from endemic countries with MDR and XDR TB; and

**WHEREAS**, pulmonary TB is contagious and completing an appropriate prescribed course of medication for infected individuals is critical in preventing the cycle of transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of more rapid and accurate diagnostic tools and shorter treatment regimens for all forms of TB is vital to our success; and

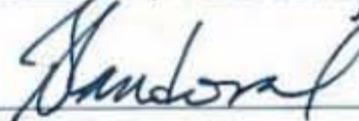
**WHEREAS**, Nevada's state and local health departments are united to support the individuals, families and communities affected by this disease, and to renew our commitment to preventing the spread of TB; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Nevada State Health Division join together with Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County Health District, Carson City Health and Human Services and the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory to invite all health providers and residents of Nevada to participate in World TB Day, March 24, 2013: Stop TB in My Lifetime!;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,** do hereby proclaim March 24, 2013 as

### **World TB Day 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

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

  
Secretary of State

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

