



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, health disparities are defined as significant differences between one population and another in relation to the overall rate of disease incidence, prevalence, morbidity, mortality or survival rates, and the Nevada Office of Minority Health was created with the passage of Assembly Bill 580 during the 2005 legislative session to reduce disparities in healthcare access and quality experienced by members of minority groups throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Office of Minority Health, now known as the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity, has been re-organized with the passage of Assembly Bill 141 during the 2017 legislative session to include an advocacy role which results in policy recommendations that address systematically embedding equity-focused principles in all health-related practices; and

WHEREAS, in recognition that all communities deserve knowledge of, and access to, quality healthcare, members of the disabled as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning communities have been included; and

WHEREAS, through initiatives and partnerships, the State of Nevada is working to support the Healthy People 2020 goals of achieving high quality/healthy lives, health equity, elimination of disparities and the creation of social/physical environments that promote good health; and

WHEREAS, with Nevada expanding its capacity to educate medical professionals, the Nevada Office of Minority Health and Equity supports efforts to attract diverse faculty and students resulting in the development of culturally and linguistically sensitive medical professionals across all strata of the profession; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nevada calls upon all healthcare providers, educators, business leaders, community and faith leaders to embrace 'Partnering for Health Equity' as they work toward the common goal of ending health disparities for all citizens of the Silver State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 2018 as

MINORITY HEALTH 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 27th day of April, 2018.

By [Signature] Governor

By Baibara K. Cegarske Secretary of State

By [Signature] Deputy