State of Nevada

Executive Department

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of all deaths in the United States and the 3rd leading cause of death among individuals between the ages of 15 to 24; and

WHEREAS, suicide is now the 7th leading cause of all deaths in the state of Nevada, and the 3rd leading cause of death among people from the age 15 to 24 in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, Veterans comprise an estimated 20% of all completed suicides and in Nevada, female veterans are 3 times more likely to die by suicide than the general Nevada female; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person completes suicide every 14.2 minutes; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 4.73 million people in the United States are survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide); and

WHEREAS, 50.8% of people who die by suicide use a firearm, and guns stored in the house are used for suicide 40 times more often than for self-protection; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with mental illness and suicide works against suicide prevention by discouraging persons at risk for suicide from seeking life-saving help and further traumatizes survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, a great many suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS, statewide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention continues to coordinate the collaborative development and implementation of evidence based suicide prevention, intervention, and post-vention strategies and programs in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention will sponsor the statewide "Walk in Memory, Walk for Hope" event on September 15th, 2012, Nine communities will walk to remember those individuals we have lost to suicide and to call greater attention to the state's suicide prevention efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim September 9-15, 2012 as

SUICIDE PREVENTION 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 20th day of August, 2012.

Governor

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy