



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (TB) causes disease in over one hundred residents of Nevada annually and an estimated eight hundred more are infected with the bacterium that cause tuberculosis, placing Nevada as twentieth in the nation for TB cases per population; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is one of the nine U.S. states to have verified cases of extensively drug resistant forms of tuberculosis (XDR-TB) and the spread of multi-drug resistant organisms nationally threatens to undermine our goal to ultimately eliminate tuberculosis; 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, pulmonary TB is very contagious, and treatment for infected individuals is critical in preventing the cycle of transmission; 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 in preventing the spread of TB; and

WHEREAS, commitment and public awareness concerning TB education and prevention is our best defense in eliminating tuberculosis in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, to help raise awareness about the international health threat presented by tuberculosis and eventually 'Stop TB,' the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Nevada State Health Division Tuberculosis Elimination Program join together with Southern Nevada Health District, Washoe County District Health Department, Nevada State Health Division Frontier and Rural Public Health Services Program, Carson City Health and Human Services; Nevada State Health Laboratory to invite all health providers and residents of Nevada to participate in World TB Day, March 24, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2008, 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 10th day of March 2008


By the Governor: Governor


Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy