



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (TB) is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide, causing disease in over one hundred residents of Nevada annually, infecting an estimated eight hundred more with the bacterium that causes tuberculosis, and placing Nevada as the eleventh highest state in the nation for TB cases per population in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Nevada has been experiencing an increase in the frequency of pediatric TB cases, placing Nevada in the top five states in the nation with the highest percentage of TB cases in this most vulnerable population; causing Nevada families to face a myriad of consequences that include financial, educational, psychosocial, and life-long complications; 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, Multi-Drug Resistant TB (MDR-TB) is becoming an increasing problem in the prevention and control of TB, the spread of multi-drug resistant organisms challenges resources and threatens to undermine our goal to ultimately eliminate 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, 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, 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim March 24, 2011 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 19th day of January 2011

By the Governor:

Governor

Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy

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