



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, the Nevada State Elks Association, 15 Lodges and 4,600 plus members, through The Nevada Elks Major Project, commit to addressing the unmet needs of children suffering abuse, neglect or exploitation, throughout the State of Nevada, by developing a program of support services funding to aid these children, without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada State Elks Association designated Project Safe Haven, a statewide emergency shelter care program for abused and neglected children, as its State Major Project in 1990, initiated as a joint project between the Nevada State Elks and the State of Nevada Division of Child and Family Services, its sole purpose is to provide the funding for a statewide emergency shelter care program for abused and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, the money donated is used to support Nevada's Safe Haven Homes for the care these abused and neglected children need when they are removed from harm's way and placed into Safe Haven Foster Care Homes, with very generous donations provided annually since 1990; and

WHEREAS, not a penny of these monies is used for salaries or administration, but to support the licensed foster homes called upon in the middle of the night, weekend or holiday to provide a nurturing and supportive home for children who are traumatized as a result of abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, the Elks ongoing commitment to this project has been vital to the State of Nevada Child and Family Services Division efforts to serve abused and neglected children in Nevada. The financial support for the program has been outstanding; and

WHEREAS, it is the spirit of the Elks commitment that has made the program successful. The same spirit of dedication and commitment is continued in those families who serve as Safe Haven Homes. Together we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the youngest and most vulnerable members of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2013 as a day in honor of

Nevada State Elks Association



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 12th day of March, 2013.

By Brian Sandoval Governor

By Cass Miller Secretary of State

By _____ Deputy