



## *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

**WHEREAS**, minorities including those of Latino/Hispanic origin, African Americans, Asians, American Indian/Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians/Other Pacific Islanders, comprise 41% of the Nevada population; and

**WHEREAS**, minorities comprise a total of 47.4% of the uninsured population in Nevada. Minorities represent 59.5% of the new cases of AIDS and the annual AIDS case rate for African Americans is six times that of Whites in Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, minorities represent 15.8% of the Cancer deaths in Nevada and minorities, in general, are less likely to get regular medical checkups, receive immunizations, and be routinely tested for cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, minorities represent 22.1% of the Diabetes deaths in Nevada and, in general, Native Americans and African Americans have higher rates of diabetes and related complications, such as kidney disease and amputation, as compared to the total population; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Office of Minority Health seeks to reduce health disparities as they affect racial, ethnic, and underserved populations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 2011, as**

### **MINORITY HEALTH 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

Brian Sandoval  
By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

Chris Miller  
Secretary of State

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy