



## 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, and an estimated eight hundred more are infected with the bacterium that cause Tuberculosis, placing Nevada as twentieth in the nation for Tuberculosis cases per population; and

**WHEREAS**, Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis is becoming an increasing problem in the prevention and control of Tuberculosis; the spread of multi-drug resistant organisms nationally threatens to undermine our goal to ultimately eliminate tuberculosis; Nevada is one of only nine U.S. states to have reported cases of extensively drug resistant forms of Tuberculosis (XDR-TB); and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada experienced a Tuberculosis outbreak in 2008, accounting for eight cases of infectious disease, and over five hundred contacts; and

**WHEREAS**, Pulmonary Tuberculosis (TB) is very contagious and treatment for infected individuals is critical in preventing the cycle of transmission; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of more rapid and accurate diagnostic tools and shorter treatment regimens for all forms of Tuberculosis is vital to our success; 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 Tuberculosis; and

**WHEREAS**, commitment and public awareness concerning Tuberculosis 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 Health Department, Nevada State Health Division Frontier and Rural Public Health Services Program, Carson City Health and Human Services and Nevada State Health Laboratory to invite all health providers and residents of Nevada to participate in World TB Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,** do hereby proclaim March 24, 2009 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 28th day of January, 2009.

*Jim Gibbons*  
By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

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Secretary of State

*Kathleen*  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy