



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 sixteenth in the nation for TB cases per population in 2009; and

Whereas; Multi-Drug Resistant TB (MDR-TB) 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 (XDR-TB); and

Whereas; Nevada is currently treating six cases of MDR-TB; and

Whereas; pulmonary TB is very contagious and completing an appropriate prescribed course of medication 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 TB 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 TB; and

Whereas; we can reach the goal of TB elimination by working together. Eliminating TB: Together We Can; and

Whereas; 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 and Nevada State Public Health Laboratory to invite all health providers and residents of Nevada to participate in World TB awareness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby declare March 24, 2010 as

WORLD TB AWARENESS DAY



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 27th day of January 2010


By the Governor:
Governor


Secretary of State

By _____

Deputy