



## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's sportsmen and women were among the first conservationists to support the establishment of the Nevada Department of Wildlife to conserve fish, wildlife and their habitat, and through their license fees helped fund state efforts to provide for healthy and sustainable natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, upon realizing that license fees alone were insufficient to restore and sustain healthy fish and wildlife populations, sportsmen and women supported self-imposed excise taxes on hunting, fishing and boating equipment to raise additional conservation funds; and

**WHEREAS**, to this day, the Nevada Department of Wildlife is funded primarily by sportsmen and women, through this American System of Conservation Funding a "user pays – public benefits" approach that is widely recognized as the most successful model of fish and wildlife management in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, last year alone, Nevada's sportsmen and women generated millions of dollars through this system to support the conservation efforts of the Nevada Department of Wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their immense contributions to fish and wildlife conservation, and to our society; and

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's 2015 youth upland game, hunting special season, occurs September 26th and 27th, coinciding with National Hunting and Fishing Day;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SANDOVAL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2015 as**

### **NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

By the Governor: \_\_\_\_\_ Governor

*Barbara K. Cegansko*  
Secretary of State

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