



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Sarah Winnemucca embodied the spirit of Nevada through her life, purpose and achievements, and is symbolic of the proud heritage and vitality of the Silver State; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2005, the State of Nevada presented the people of the United States with a sculpture of Sarah Winnemucca to represent our state in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall; and

WHEREAS, this project was initiated by and successfully completed through the leadership of the Nevada Women's History Project and Sarah Winnemucca Statue Selection Committee; administrative support of the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs; and a grassroots fundraising effort championed by First Lady Dema Guinn with contributions from local governments, organizations, individuals, and schoolchildren throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Statue Selection Committee comprised of First Lady Dema Guinn, Carrie Townley Porter, Mary Lee Fulkerson, Debbie Allen, Richard Hooker and Steven High provided exemplary service to the state by offering oversight for the project and for selecting Benjamin Victor, a gifted artist and the youngest person ever to create a sculpture for the National Statuary Hall; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Victor's sculpture gives new life to Sarah Winnemucca's quest to raise awareness for her people, truly reflecting the spirit of Sarah Winnemucca, and through her, the spirit of Nevada so that all may take pride and inspiration in this new state treasure;

NOW THEREFORE I, KENNY C. GUINN, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2005, as

SARAH WINNEMUCCA DAY

a day to honor the life of Sarah Winnemucca, dedicate the sculpture created in her memory, and acknowledge the contributions of all who brought this cultural legacy to fruition



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 25th day of March 2005.

Kenny C. Guinn
By the Governor
Debbie Allen
Secretary of State

By _____
Deputy