

## *A Proclamation by the Governor*

**WHEREAS**, the State of Nevada is committed to the education of our children and to upholding the values and goals that strengthen the family; and

**WHEREAS**, home-based schooling may be the fastest growing form of education in the United States (at 7% to 12% per year), home-based education is also growing around the world in many nations; and

**WHEREAS**, estimates indicate that there were about 1.8 to 2.5 million home schooled students in the United States during the 2007-2008 school year for children in grades K to 12; and

**WHEREAS**, families engaged in home-based education are not dependent on public, tax-funded resources for their children's education; the finances associated with their home schooling likely represent over \$16 billion in savings to taxpayers; and

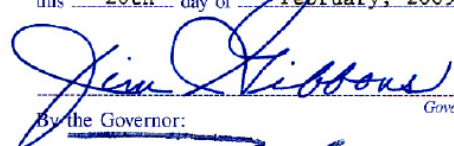
**WHEREAS**, home schooled students traditionally score above average on achievement tests regardless of their parents' level of formal education or their family's household income;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim March 30-April 5, 2009, as**

### **HOME EDUCATION AWARENESS WEEK**



*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 20th day of February, 2009.

  
By the Governor: Governor

  
Secretary of State

  
Deputy