

A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, Nevada will host the world's largest pre-college science competition, the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, May 10-16, 2009 in Reno; and

WHEREAS, the kick off to The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair is November 19, 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Intel International Science and Engineering Fair is the world's only science, math and engineering project competition for students working at a high school level; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,500 high school students from over 40 countries will showcase their independent research at the Intel ISEF; and

WHEREAS, development of future scientists and engineers is vital to our State and Nation's competitiveness, and science fairs are one means by which to inspire student interest at an early age; and

WHEREAS, there are tremendous efforts under way by Nevada's economic development agencies to attract, expand and start up tech-based industries that offer high-paying skilled jobs; and

WHEREAS, Nevada business leaders point to the region's diversifying economy and efforts to strengthen the science and technology sector such as more cooperation between industry and higher education; and

WHEREAS, fifty percent of the current science and engineering workforce is approaching retirement; and

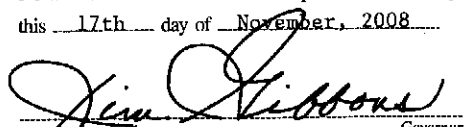
WHEREAS, emphasis on science, technology and math skills are important to workforce development in Nevada; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM GIBBONS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2008, as

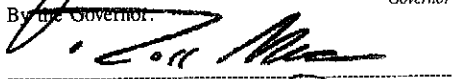
SCIENCE AND MATH EDUCATION IN NEVADA



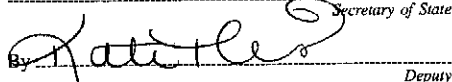
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 17th day of November, 2008.



Governor



Secretary of State



Deputy