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Nevada Recognizes March 22 As National Rehabilitation Counselor Appreciation Day

The State of Nevada and the Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation (DETR) join disability organizations nationwide in recognizing March 22 as National Rehabilitation Counselor Appreciation Day.

“I am pleased to recognize the men and women of Nevada’s Division of Rehabilitation for the vital contributions that rehabilitation counselors make to our workforce,” said Governor Brian Sandoval. “All across our state and our country, rehabilitation counselors help citizens enjoy a fulfilling career and make sustaining contributions to cultivating our community.”

Annually, Congress designates March 22 as National Rehabilitation Counselor Appreciation Day by the request of the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA).

DETR’s Rehabilitation Division is a state and federally funded program whose mission is to bring Nevadans together to promote barrier-free communities in which individuals with disabilities have access to opportunities for quality work and self-sufficiency.

Counselors work with individuals with disabilities to assess their skills and help them pursue goals in education and employment. Many clients are high school students with disabilities who are transitioning from school to work.

“Our counselors are highly skilled at what they do and have been extremely successful in helping many individuals with disabilities pursue their goals in joining the workforce,” said Maureen Cole, administrator for the Rehabilitation Division. “The work that the counselors do is highly rewarding and we are proud to take this opportunity to recognize them for their dedication and hard work.”

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DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, the Information Development and Processing Division and the Research and Analysis Bureau. DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to provide training and job placement services to job seekers and to assist employers in hiring practices.