State of Nevada

Executive Department

Executive Order 2013-09

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S STUDENT VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, over the last decade our country has been engaged in military conflicts around the globe, the burdens of which have been shouldered bravely by the men and women of the United States armed services;

WHEREAS, veterans returning to our state from service in these conflicts face significant challenges while transitioning back into civilian life, including difficulty reintegrating into Nevada's colleges and universities after being out of the classroom for years;

WHEREAS, the Nevada System of Higher Education has worked diligently at the system and institutional levels to improve services to increase both access and success for student veterans;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon us as a society to provide the best level of service we can to our veterans;

WHEREAS, my administration has already begun this process through the Green Zone Initiative, an initiative designed to ensure that Nevada can attract new veterans and veteran resources as well as optimize support efforts for the current veteran population;

WHEREAS, increased feedback from the veterans themselves is necessary to maximize our efforts in this area; and

WHEREAS, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that, "The Supreme Executive Power of this State shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order:

1. The Governor's Student Veterans Advisory Council ("Council") is hereby established.

2. The Council shall work to identify and prioritize the needs of Nevada's veteran students within the Nevada System of Higher Education and other post-secondary opportunities within Nevada. The Council shall focus its recommendations particularly to topics dealing with student success upon entering higher education in our state, to include issues relating to remediation, reintegration, management of GI Bill and other resources, and access to services on campus and within communities.

3. Members of the Council will be appointed by the Governor based on recommendations from the Chancellor, and will serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor and Chancellor shall each appoint a co-chair of the Council from their respective staffs or an appropriate designee. The

Office of Veterans Services shall staff the Council. Members of the Council shall include a student representative who is a veteran from each of the following institutions:

a. University of Nevada, Reno
b. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
c. Western Nevada College
d. Truckee Meadows Community College
e. College of Southern Nevada
f. Great Basin College
g. Nevada State College
h. A private institution in Nevada
i. Other members as appropriate

4. Members of the Council should be Nevada residents, veterans with honorable service, and actively pursuing studies at a Nevada college or university. They should represent all of the uniformed services and all Nevada System of Higher Education Schools. Members of the council should be recommended by the institutions and appointed by the Governor.

5. The Council shall meet at least four times before May 1, 2014, with its first meeting coming no later than October 15, 2013. The Council will sunset one year after it is created.

6. The Council shall deliver a report to the Governor on or before May 1, 2014, detailing the activities of the Council and making recommendations for the improvement of services for veterans from Nevada System of Higher Education schools.

7. Travel and per diem for the members of the Council will be provided by the Nevada Office of Veterans Services License Plate Gift Account.

8. Unless otherwise ordered, the Council shall cease to exist on May 1, 2014.

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 12th day of August, in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:

Secretary of State

Deputy Secretary of State