



**Executive Order 2013-14**

**ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S MILITARY  
COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, Nevada has long benefited from investments from the Department of Defense into local communities, especially through active duty bases like Nellis Air Force Base, Creech Air Force Base, NAS-Fallon, Hawthorne Army Depot, and others;

**WHEREAS**, Nevada has also benefited from investments from the Department of Defense into the Nevada National Guard's mission, structure, and the truly remarkable capabilities that make our force so great;

**WHEREAS**, these Nevada communities rely heavily on the economic and community development investments that the active and reserve component bases, as well as the National Guard armories have provided;

**WHEREAS**, over the last decade our country has been engaged in military conflicts around the globe and as those conflicts come to an end, the focus of the national defense strategy is shifting;

**WHEREAS**, as the focus of the national defense strategy evolves, so will the nation's allocation of defense resources, specifically through the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process anticipated at the federal level in 2015;

**WHEREAS**, Nevada's landscape and geography, as well as the Department of Defense infrastructure currently developed within the state, should allow the State to position itself to maintain its current defense footprint during and after the BRAC process;

**WHEREAS**, further, and for these same reasons, Nevada should also position itself as a prominent, economical, and attractive place to grow in the future as the national defense footprint consolidates;

**WHEREAS**, increased formalization and coordination of the State's approach to protecting existing assets and attracting new assets 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 Military Council ("Council") is hereby established.
2. The Council shall work to identify opportunities and prioritize recommendations with respect to how best to retain and continue to build Nevada's current military force capabilities and infrastructure. The Council shall further work towards increasing these areas through increased coordination of State government's efforts to meet the needs of these defense resources in our

state. The Council shall work through announced public meetings and through statewide surveys of Nevada military communities and the statewide veteran population.

3. Members of the Council will be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Director of the Office of Veterans Services and the Adjutant General of the Nevada National Guard shall serve as co-chairs of the Council. The Council shall include representatives of the following groups, agencies, and organizations:

- a. Office of the Governor
- b. Army National Guard
- c. Air National Guard
- d. Governor's Office of Economic Development
- e. Southwest Defense Alliance
- f. County and Municipal leaders from Nevada military communities
- g. Retired military leaders
- h. Representatives from the defense industry
- i. Community relations coordinators from existing Nevada bases
- j. Any other persons appointed by the Governor

4. The Director of the Office of Veterans Services and the Adjutant General of the Nevada National Guard, in their capacities as co-chairs, are hereby ordered to seek representatives of the groups provided in items a. through j. above, and to make appropriate recommendations for each to the Governor.

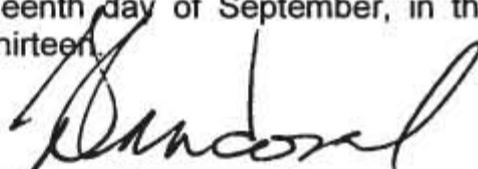
5. The Council shall meet on at least four occasions before June 30, 2014, with the first meeting occurring no later than December 31, 2013. These meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Law as codified in Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 241.

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 as to how best to retain and continue to build Nevada's current military force capabilities and infrastructure. The need for future reports can be determined by the Council or on the order of the Governor. All records documenting the Council's activities shall be retained and transferred to the State Archives for permanent retention in accordance with the State record retention policy.

7. The Office of Veterans Services and the Nevada National Guard shall provide administrative support for the Council.

8. Unless otherwise ordered, the Council shall cease to exist on December 31, 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 eighteenth day of September, in the year two thousand thirteen.



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Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:



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Secretary of State



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Deputy Secretary of State

