



**Executive Order 2014-17**

**ESTABLISHING A VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OUTREACH SPECIALIST PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, 2014 is the “Year of the Veteran” in Nevada;

**WHEREAS**, during this important year, it is my goal to make Nevada the most veteran-friendly and military-friendly state in the nation;

**WHEREAS**, many times, Nevada’s service members, veterans, and their families have voluntarily served our nation in uniform, have missed opportunities for employment, promotions, education or even opportunities to gain professional experience;

**WHEREAS**, my administration has worked through the Green Zone Initiative, the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs, and directly engaged with leaders and members of the veteran and military communities to identify priorities, increase coordination, and develop policies that will benefit those who have served our nation and their families;

**WHEREAS**, one of the key programs developed through the Green Zone Initiative is the Green Zone Employer Program, which aims to identify veteran-friendly employers in Nevada and connect them to veterans seeking employment;

**WHEREAS**, this program was funded through a generous grant from the Nevada Military Support Alliance and developed by a disabled Iraq War veteran and is now available to all Nevada employers who wish to receive the Green Zone Employer training and develop an internal plan that can meet the needs of the veterans they are hiring;

**WHEREAS**, this effort is one of many services provided by the State of Nevada and other entities to ensure Nevada’s veterans successfully transition into civilian employment;

**WHEREAS**, the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs has recommended increased cooperation between the Nevada Department of Veterans Services and the Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation;

**WHEREAS**, members and leaders of Nevada’s veteran community voted to make veterans employment a priority for the 78<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session; 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.”

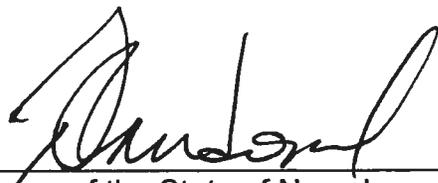
**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order:

1. The Director of the Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation shall identify available sources of federal funding for new veteran employment outreach specialists in Nevada.

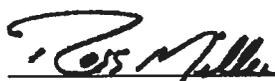
2. The veteran employment outreach specialists shall:
  - a. Assist in the development of resource and referral networks in order to connect existing and returning veterans with the tools and resources they need to fully reintegrate into civilian society;
  - b. Assist in the development of networks of veterans, to include service members, veterans, their families, and their survivors, who are in need of services, make referrals and coordinate with different programs within the three focus areas of the Green Zone Initiative – employment, education, and wellness;
  - c. Reach out to veterans through veteran events, community-sponsored events, Active, Reserve, and Guard component events, the Green Zone Network, and other opportunities;
  - d. Reach out to employers through business, industry, and professional networks in order to inform them of the opportunities veterans can provide to their workforces;
  - e. Provide Green Zone Employer training to employers seeking to become certified as veteran-friendly;
  - f. Work with other grant-funded positions, including the recently received grant to the Nevada National Guard from the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program, the anticipated Volunteers in Service to America (VISTAs), or other grant-funded positions to further promote and achieve veteran employment objectives and goals;
  - g. Report to the Community Outreach and Engagement Director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services; and
  - h. Be located in Clark County.
  
3. The Director of the Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation shall provide the Nevada Department of Veterans Services with a report of the following aggregate information on a monthly basis:
  - a. The number of veterans served by the veteran employment specialists per week;
  - b. The number of initial or continuing unemployment compensation for ex-service members' claims filed per week;
  - c. The number of veterans filing for initial or continuing unemployment insurance per week;
  - d. The average weekly benefit for veteran claimants for both unemployment compensation for ex-service members and unemployment insurance; and
  - e. The average duration of claim for veteran claimants for both unemployment compensation for ex-service members and unemployment insurance.

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 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year two thousand fourteen.



  
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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