



## Executive Order 2015-26

### ORDER RE-ESTABLISHING THE COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

**WHEREAS**, Autism Spectrum Disorder greatly impacts the quality of life of Nevada citizens and their families;

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that early diagnosis and intense intervention can mean the difference between an individual diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder living an independent life or a life dependent on others for support;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder was originally established pursuant to an Executive Order issued on November 19, 2008, and subsequently amended by Executive Order 2011-21 issued on November 28, 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder sunset on July 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides: "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 the Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder is hereby re-established.
2. The Commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commission shall be headed by a chair and vice-chair to be appointed by the Governor. Members shall be appointed in the following manner:
  - a. One member representing public school districts;
  - b. One member with expertise in behavior analysis;
  - c. One member of the general public; and
  - d. Two members who are parents of a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
3. The Commission shall:
  - a. Assist the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services with evaluating, developing, and implementing the best policies, practices, and services necessary to diagnose and treat individuals living with Autism Spectrum Disorder;
  - b. Provide recommendations on how to maximize public and private funding to support the full scope of services needed for all Nevadans with Autism Spectrum Disorder;
  - c. Promote community awareness, education, and outreach to Nevadans regarding Autism Spectrum Disorder; and
  - d. Work on any other task as directed by the Governor.

4. The Commission shall deliver a report to the Governor on or before June 30 and December 31 each year detailing its activities.
5. The Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their service.
6. The Commission may call on any other professionals with expertise in these issues.
7. The Commission may establish procedural bylaws to aid it in the performance of its duties.
8. The Commission may establish subcommittee(s) comprised of members of the Commission to aid in the performance of its duties.
9. The Commission shall meet at the discretion and direction of its Chairman.
10. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services shall provide administrative support to the Commission.
11. Any meetings conducted by the Commission or any subcommittee(s) shall be subject to the Open Meeting Law pursuant to NRS Chapter 241.
12. All records documenting the Commission's activities shall be retained and transferred to the State Archives for permanent retention in accordance with the State record retention policy.
13. The Commission shall cease to exist on December 31, 2018.

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 9th day of October, in the year two thousand fifteen.

  
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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

