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Dear Nevadans,

As 2021 ends, I wanted to share some of my reflections over the last year. Just as with 2020, this year has been filled with uncertainties, heartache and lessons learned that we will carry forward into 2022. The COVID-19 pandemic has continued to interrupt our way of life and we've had to adapt in new ways, but Nevadans are Battle Born, and we're always looking out for one another.

At this time last year, the very first COVID-19 vaccines had just been administered in our State and doses were limited only to our brave doctors and nurses working on the frontlines in our hospitals caring for patients.

How the times have changed. Vaccines are readily available and Nevadans as young as five now have the opportunity to get vaccinated against this virus. I remain grateful to all the Nevadans who have continued to serve us diligently this year. The frontline medical professionals, the first responders, the business owners and their staffs, the soldiers and airmen of our National Guard, the educators, school administrators, parents, and all Nevadans have made sacrifices to get us through another difficult year. You can never be thanked enough.

At this moment, we are facing another challenge. The Omicron variant is with us here in Nevada and I know many Nevadans may feel tired and worn down in this moment. I understand. But we have worked to ensure we are using all the resources we have at our disposal to try to minimize the lives lost to this virus. If you are not yet vaccinated, I encourage you to do so.

By nature, I am an optimist. I look for the good in people and, being in the Silver State, for the silver linings in the darks of days. This year, my team worked hard to pass new laws and use federal money to invest in Nevadans and our recovery. I've asked my team to ensure we focus on continuing to invest these federal dollars into Nevadans during 2022 so we can help make a brighter, safer and more resilient State for all those to whom home means Nevada.

Please enjoy your New Year's holiday and please stay safe. First Lady Kathy and I wish you all happiness and good health in 2022.

Sincerely,



Governor Steve Sisolak
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