



Executive Order 2014-03

ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON FOOD SECURITY

WHEREAS, one in six Nevadans are food insecure and do not have access to enough food to maintain an active, healthy life;

WHEREAS, it is incumbent on our society to ensure that each individual has access to healthy nutrition as it contributes to quality of life, a strong citizenry, resilient communities and a robust economy;

WHEREAS, All Nevadans, including the most vulnerable community members, low income children and senior citizens should be able to acquire nutritious foods in socially acceptable ways;

WHEREAS, many federal, State and local government organizations, as well as private non-profit entities throughout Nevada provide services to the hungry and food insecure;

WHEREAS, the Grants Management Unit (GMU) in the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) established a strategic planning process intended to address food security in Nevada and arrived with the over-arching conclusion that progress can be made through collaborative partnerships;

WHEREAS, leaders from government agencies, non-profit organizations and the private sector have joined forces to establish a strategic plan to increase food security in Nevada which incorporates economic development opportunities into food security solutions; uses a comprehensive, coordinated approach to ending hunger and promoting health and nutrition, instead of providing emergency short-term assistance; focuses on strategic partnerships among all levels of government, communities, non-profit organizations, foundations, private industries, universities, and research institutions; utilizes available resources effectively; and implements research-based strategies to achieve measurable results;

WHEREAS, my Administration has already acted on the Nevada Plan for Action by establishing an Office of Food Security within the Department of Health and Human Services;

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 as follows:

1. The Council on Food Security (Council) within the Department of Health and Human Services (Department), Office of Food Security, is hereby created to implement the goals of Food Security in Nevada: Nevada's Plan for Action (Plan) and effectively improve the quality of life and health of Nevadans by increasing food security throughout the State.
2. The Council shall:
 - Develop, coordinate and implement a food system that will link with local economic development, increase access to improved food resource programs, and increase capacity to produce, process, distribute and purchase goods in an affordable and sustainable manner;
 - Serve as a hearing venue for issues related to food security in Nevada;

- Serve as a clearinghouse for review and approval of any events or projects initiated in the name of the Plan;
 - Review and comment on any proposed, federal, state or local legislation and regulations that would affect the food policy system of the State;
 - Advise and inform the Director (Director) of the Department on the State's food policy;
 - Prepare and submit an annual report concerning its accomplishments and recommendations concerning food security to the Director no later than January 31st of each year;
 - Review grant proposals and alternative funding sources as requested by the Director's Office to provide recommendations for funding the Plan; and
 - Develop new resources related to the Plan.
3. The Council shall consist of no more than twenty-one members and shall include seven members appointed by the Governor and fourteen members appointed by the Director. Upon adoption and seating of the Council, the seven members appointed by the Governor will serve terms of three years and may be reappointed to serve additional terms by the Governor. Seven of the members appointed by the Director will serve an initial term of two years; and seven members appointed by the Director will serve an initial term of one year. After the initial terms, a term for those appointed by the Director shall consist of two years, with a limit of three consecutive terms. Reappointment shall be at the discretion of the Director.
4. Members of the Council appointed by the Governor shall be composed of the following:
- The State of Nevada Governor's designee. The designee will serve as Chair, in a nonvoting capacity, except for the occurrence of a stalemate;
 - The Administrator of the Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services or his or her designee from within the Division;
 - The Western Regional Director of the United States Department of Agriculture or his or her designee from within the Department;
 - The Director of the Nevada Department of Agriculture or his or her designee from within the Department;
 - The Director of the Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development or his or her designee from within the Office;
 - The Administrator of the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health or his or her designee from within the Division;
 - The Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Nevada Department of Education or his or her designee from within the Office.
5. Members of the Council appointed by the Director shall be composed of the following:
- Two members representing anti-hunger organizations, with one member from northern Nevada and one member from southern Nevada;
 - Three members representing community based services;
 - A representative of child nutrition programs;
 - A representative with experience, knowledge and skills representing the aging and disability populations;
 - A representative of University of Nevada, Cooperative Extension;
 - A representative of food retailers;
 - A representative of a local health authority;
 - A representative of non-food manufacturing or business;
 - A representative of the executive administration in the gaming or hospitality industries;
 - A representative for farmer or rancher engaged in food production;
 - A representative of food processing or distribution.
6. A vacancy of any member previously appointed by the Governor shall be filled by the Governor. When any such member is appointed to fill an unfinished term, that member shall complete the unfinished term and thereafter be eligible for two additional terms.

7. A vacancy of any member previously appointed by the Director shall be filled by the Director after the Director has received and considered the Council's nominee for replacement. When a member is appointed to fill an unfinished term, that member shall complete the unfinished term and be eligible for two additional terms.
8. The Council shall establish Bylaws no later than the second meeting and shall meet at least every other month, and no less than six times per year.
9. The chair may assign working groups composed of subject matter experts to facilitate the duties of the Council.
10. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their service on the Council, but approved travel reimbursement may be provided at standard state rates.
11. These meetings shall be subject to Open Meeting Law as codified in Nevada Revised Statute Chapter 241.
12. 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.
13. Every department, division, agency or public authority of this state shall cooperate with the Council and furnish such information and assistance as the Council determines is reasonably necessary to accomplish its purpose.
14. The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture shall provide administrative support to the Council within the limit of available resources.
15. The Council may pursue funding opportunities such as grants, gifts and donations to support its work.

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 February, 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