



STATE OF NEVADA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

**WHEREAS**, homelessness in Nevada is a significant problem that leaves some of our most vulnerable citizens without access to the means necessary to meet their basic human needs; and

**WHEREAS**, homelessness may result in increased social, personal, familial and financial costs to the state of Nevada and its citizens; and

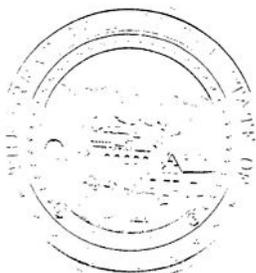
**WHEREAS**, the causes of homelessness are complex and homeless individuals have highly diverse needs; and

**WHEREAS**, effectively addressing homelessness requires the collaboration among state agencies, local governments, the private sector, and service provider networks in order to coordinate program development, deliver essential services and provide housing;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kenny C. Guinn, Governor of the state of Nevada, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Nevada Interagency Council on Homelessness (Council) is created to coordinate and focus the state's efforts to effectively address the challenge of homelessness in the state of Nevada. The Council will provide the opportunity for an integrated approach regarding the issue of homelessness and promote interagency cooperation. The Council will work to increase the awareness of homeless issues among state and local government agencies and local organizations that provide services to people who are homeless.
2. The Council is also charged with working with the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness and with local governments to develop a ten-year plan to address chronic homelessness. The Council will work with and incorporate the recommendations of the Nevada Homeless Policy Academy work group.
3. The Council shall consist of not more than twenty members, appointed by the Governor, who represent private businesses, state agencies, nonprofit organizations that provide services to homeless people, public housing, local governments, at least one person who is, or has been homeless, and any others with an interest in ending homelessness.
4. The Governor shall appoint the Chairperson of the Council. A vice chairperson shall be selected by the Council from among the members. The Council shall meet at such times and places as determined by the Chairperson.

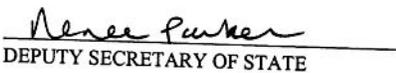
5. Members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their service on the Council. The Council may pursue funding opportunities, such as grants, gifts and donations to support its work.
6. The Council may call on service providers and other professionals with expertise in the issues surrounding homelessness to assist it in its duties and make recommendations regarding its work. These individuals may include state agency staff, representatives of the state's continuum of care agencies, homelessness advocacy groups and other public and private entities as determined by the Council.
7. At the end of every fiscal year, the Council shall present the Governor with an annual report of its work.
8. The Department of Human Resources shall provide administrative support to the Council within the limit of available resources.
9. All Executive branch departments and divisions shall fully cooperate with the Council and shall provide information as requested by the Council.



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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year Two Thousand Five.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

  
DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE