



**EXECUTIVE ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR
ESTABLISHING THE NEVADA BROADBAND TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, all Nevadans should have access to affordable and reliable broadband services; and

WHEREAS, expanding broadband availability to Nevadans who are currently unserved or underserved by broadband will enable continued improvements in healthcare, public safety, education, jobs creation, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the increased availability of broadband technology will improve government operations through better coordination in the areas of public safety, telemedicine for healthcare, and distance learning for education; and

WHEREAS, improved technology literacy and broadband usage for all Nevadans must be achieved; and

WHEREAS, a Nevada plan for improved technology use should be established across multiple community sectors; and

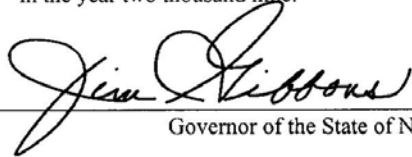
WHEREAS, Nevada should take advantage of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (public law 115-5) and the Broadband Data Improvement Act (public law 110-385); and

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, I, Jim Gibbons, Governor of the State of Nevada, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada do hereby establish the Nevada Broadband Task Force ("Task Force"). The Task Force shall consist of twelve members appointed by the Governor who will serve at his pleasure. The Governor shall appoint a member to serve as chairman. Members shall be appointed from the following areas: rural health and hospitals, rural K-12 school districts, rural libraries, distance education / higher education, public safety / Nevada Department of Transportation, the telecommunications industry, the cable industry, the wireless industry, local government, Public Service Commission /State of Nevada, Nevada Commission on Economic Development, city/county organizations, and Nevada native Americans. The Task Force shall identify and remove barriers to broadband access and identify opportunities for increased broadband applications and adoption in unserved and underserved areas of Nevada. The Task Force shall also, to the extent permitted by law, oversee all necessary duties and responsibilities to reach the goal to expand broadband technology including the application of federal funding/grants, grant compliance, mapping and data management. The Task Force shall meet as soon as practicable to carry out its mission.



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 fifteenth day of July,
in the year two thousand nine.



Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:



Secretary Of State

Deputy Secretary Of State