



**Executive Order 2013-21**

**ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S STATE FLAG PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Nevada was born during wartime and its citizens have served their nation courageously and proudly in uniform for nearly 150 years;

**WHEREAS**, most recently, Nevadans are deployed away from home all over the world, from Germany to Japan, and in support of operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries;

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of Nevada will continue to serve proudly in uniform, and will continue to deploy abroad in the nation's defense even after these recent conflicts cease;

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services is to serve Nevada's veterans, service members, family members, and survivors, whether they are deployed or at home;

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Department of Veterans Services also has a gift account that can accept donations from the community to help meet the needs of the veterans at home in our state as well as serving abroad;

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada State Flag flies over the Capitol building below the American flag, with its field of solid cobalt blue, sagebrush, silver star, and letters forming the words "Nevada" and "Battle Born," serving as a symbol of Nevada to so many;

**WHEREAS**, that same symbol can provide our service members who are deployed abroad with a sense of home, and demonstrate our pride and appreciation for their services during the Sesquicentennial anniversary of our state; 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**, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order:

1. The Governor's State Flag Program is hereby established.
2. The Governor's State Flag Program will allow for family members, friends, and supporters to request from the Nevada Department of Veterans Services a Nevada State Flag that has been authenticated to have been flown over the Nevada State Capitol to be shipped to a Nevada service member or unit deployed abroad.
3. The Nevada Department of Veterans Services shall create a fund within the Gift Account for Veterans to allow for private companies, organizations, and Nevadans to donate funds for purchase of the flags. Funding for this program may come from the Gift Account for Veterans until donations are received.

4. The Nevada Department of Veterans Services shall work with the State Buildings and Grounds Division to develop reasonable requirements, policies, and procedures to ensure that this effort is successfully carried out. These requirements, policies and procedures shall outline who can request a flag, who can receive a flag, the prioritization of requests, and other administrative items. The procedures shall detail the processes of receiving and tracking requests and donations as well as the processes of scheduling, flying, and shipping the flags to Nevadans deployed abroad. Receipts and expenditures related to the Governor's State Flag Program shall be reported to the Interim Finance Committee by August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year in conjunction with the Veterans License Plate Gift Account report.
5. This program will become effective January 1, 2014.



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 sixth day of November, in the year two thousand thirteen.

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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