



Executive Order 2012-11

**PROVIDING RECIPROCITY FOR MILITARY SPOUSES SEEKING
LICENSURE IN THIS STATE**

WHEREAS, military spouses move from state to state far more often than the general population as they accompany their service member spouse on assignment to military bases around the country and overseas;

WHEREAS, as a result of these frequent moves associated with military life and because professional licenses from one state do not always easily transfer to another state, spouses serving in professions that require state licenses bear disproportionately high financial and administrative burdens;

WHEREAS, Nevada state government is comprised of a number of professional licensing boards and commissions that have a direct impact on the lives of these military spouses;

WHEREAS, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and their families give selflessly of themselves in the service of this nation, it is therefore incumbent upon the State of Nevada to do all that it can to support these individuals; 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."

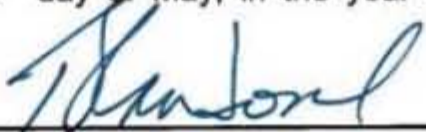
NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order every professional licensing board organized pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes as follows:

1. Facilitate endorsement of a current license from another state as long as the requirements for licensure in that jurisdiction are substantially equivalent to the requirements in Nevada; and
2. Where possible, provide for a temporary or provisional license allowing a military spouse to practice while fulfilling requirements needed to qualify for endorsement in this state, or while awaiting verification of documentation supporting such an endorsement; and
3. Expedite application procedures for a military spouse, including where possible the approval of a license based on an affidavit from the applicant that the information provided on the application is true and that verifying documentation has been requested.

I hereby further direct and order that, where statutory requirements prohibit any of the actions outlined above, the executive director or chairman of a professional licensing board shall inform my office in writing of the suggested statutory changes to make reciprocity for military spouse licensure an efficient and practical reality. This written notice must be received by my office no later than June 30, 2012, in order to allow my office ample time to prepare legislation for the 77th Regular Session of the Nevada Legislature.



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 4th day of May, in the year two thousand twelve.



Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:



Secretary of State



Deputy