

**A PROCLAMATION**

**2014 DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AGENCY OF THE YEAR AWARD**



**Whereas**, The Department of Business and Industry encompasses 13 diverse state agencies which impact every employer and employee in the State of Nevada; and

**Whereas**, The Department of Business and Industry's objective is to encourage and to promote business growth and development and the legal operation of certain industries in order to create a level playing field for competition and to protect consumers; and

**Whereas**, The Nevada Housing Division, established by the Nevada Legislature in 1975 and whose mission is to provide affordable housing opportunities to improve the quality of life for Nevada residents; and

**Whereas**, Under the leadership of Administrator CJ Manthe, the Housing Division (NHD) has introduced or enhanced a number of programs to benefit Nevadans, including homebuyers, low income families, seniors, and veterans; and

**Whereas**, New programs launched by the Division this year include: **Home is Possible**, a down payment assistance program that has tripled the number of families achieving homeownership through NHD sponsored programs; **NVHousingSearch.org**, which provides the public easy access to a database of thousands of statewide affordable and market rate rental properties; **Home Energy Retrofit Opportunities for Seniors (HEROS)**, a new weatherization program for low income seniors; and

**Whereas**, NHD has launched a number of veterans support initiatives including **Home is Possible for Heroes**, offering below-market mortgage interest rates, and setting aside tax credit funding specifically for construction of a veteran's housing facility; and

**Whereas**, The Division awarded approximately \$6.4 million in low income housing tax credits to fund the construction of 618 affordable apartment units, bringing the total number of units funded by Division programs to 25,000 since inception; and

**Whereas**, In addition to the implementation of programs and initiatives, has greatly improved public communication and awareness of agency initiatives through the launch of a new website, social media outreach and proactive news releases; and

**Whereas**, Through these efforts, the Housing Division team has elevated the agency's operations to provide a higher level of service to the industry and their constituents.

**Now, Therefore, I, Bruce Breslow, Director of the Department of Business and Industry, do hereby proclaim**

**NEVADA HOUSING DIVISION AS THE  
2014 DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY AGENCY OF THE YEAR**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Breslow".

Bruce H. Breslow, Director