



## DECLARATION

OF

### SHORTAGE OF SKILLED LABOR OR LICENSED CONTRACTORS IN RURAL AREAS OF NEVADA

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Housing Access and Attainability Act, also known as AB540 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> (2025) Legislative Session (the "Act"), among other things, addresses the need for attainable housing for essential workers who are employed in the rural areas, as defined in Section 40 of the Act, of the State of Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nevada Legislature recognizes that there may be insufficient skilled labor or licensed contractors to construct attainable housing in the rural areas of Nevada; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Business and Industry has determined that the development and supply of attainable housing in rural Nevada are being impeded by a shortage of available and licensed contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 40 of the Act, upon the issuance of this declaration, the Nevada State Contractors' Board is required to implement a process to issue provisional contractors' licenses to applicants who meet the qualifications set forth in Section 40 the Act.

**NOW THEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Section 40 of the Act,  
**I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:**

Section 1: There is a shortage of skilled labor or licensed contractors in the following rural areas of Nevada that is adversely impacting the availability of attainable housing for essential workers who are employed in those rural areas:

Carson City

Churchill County

Douglas County

Elko County

Esmeralda County

Eureka County

Humboldt County

Lander County

Lincoln County

Lyon County

Mineral County

Nye County

Pershing County

Storey County

White Pine County

**Section 2:** As used in this Declaration "attainable housing" has the meaning ascribed to it in Nevada Revised Statutes 278.0105.

**Section 3:** As used in this Declaration "essential worker" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 7 of the Act.

**Section 4:** As used in this Declaration "rural area" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 40 of the Act.

**Section 5:** This Declaration shall remain in effect for each of the rural areas identified in Section 1 of this Declaration until such time as the Director of the Department of Business and Industry determines with respect such rural area that there is no longer a shortage of skilled labor or licensed contractors that is adversely impacting the availability of attainable housing for essential workers who are employed in said rural area. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall this Declaration extend more than three (3) years beyond the date hereof.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the Department of Business and Industry in Las Vegas, Nevada, this 4th day of November, 2025.

A blue ink signature of Kristopher Sanchez, written in a cursive style, is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kristopher Sanchez  
Director  
Department of Business and Industry