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### **NPRI praises action on government transparency**

The Nevada Policy Research Institute today praised the announcement by Gov. Jim Gibbons that he had signed an executive order calling on the Department of Administration to implement transparency in Nevada government.

NPRI also echoed the governor's call for the state controller and state treasurer, as well as the legislative and judicial branches, to cooperate in this effort.

"The governor ought to be commended for this bold step toward government transparency," said NPRI President Sharon Rossie. "A more open government will be, ultimately, a more accountable and responsible government, and we appreciate the leadership the governor has demonstrated on this important policy issue."

The movement toward government transparency already had taken hold in several other states, as well as at the federal level, and Rossie applauded the news that Nevada would now be getting on board. She also noted that the nationwide movement has garnered broad, bi-partisan support.

"This is an issue that truly transcends party lines," Rossie said. "Nevadans of all political stripes ought to get behind the concept of open and honest government."

Rossie also stressed the need to drive transparency beyond the state government level, so that all levels of government in the Silver State will be accountable to the people.

"Hopefully, this action by the governor is just the beginning," Rossie said. "For the sake of good government throughout Nevada, county and local governments, as well as public employee unions, ought to be subjected to public scrutiny as well."

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