

## **BACKGROUND**

Sponsored by Senator David Parks, Senator Chris Brooks, Senator Pat Spearman, and Assemblyman Tyrone Thompson, and with support from nine co-sponsors, Senate Bill 284 was passed during Nevada's 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative session with a constitutional majority and bipartisan support. On May 17, 2020, Governor Steve Sisolak signed SB 284 onto law to create the Advisory Task Force on Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Exposure Modernization.

The Advisory Task Force, comprised of nine members appointed by Governor Sisolak (André Wade, Chair; Senator Dallas Harris, Co-Chair; David Parks; Steven B. Amend, Esq.; Vince Collins; Ruben Murillo; Stephan Page; Octavio Posada; and Quentin Savvoir), and supported by the staff of Nevada's Division of Public and Behavioral Health, was commissioned to conduct a comprehensive examination of Nevada statutes and regulations related to the criminalization of exposing a person to HIV.

With some laws enacted more than 20 years ago, it was necessary to modernize outdated statutes to bring them current to scientific advances in the understanding of transmission and treatment of HIV. Local and nationally recognized organizations and groups advocating for the modernization of HIV laws played a key role in the findings and recommendations included in this report. These efforts are a continuation of the tireless work of local community champions and organizations at the forefront of modernizing HIV laws in Nevada.