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Nevada Equal Rights Commission Welcomes New Chair *Governor Sisolak appoints Andre Martin*

Carson City, NV – The Nevada Equal Rights Commission is pleased to announce Andre Martin as their new chair. He serves as the Membership Outreach Co-Chair for the Las Vegas Chapter of the Human Rights Campaign, and in this role, works to end discrimination against LGBTQ+ people and fights for a world that achieves fundamental fairness and equality for all.

Martin grew up in Jefferson City, Missouri and first became involved in community work by volunteering with the Kansas City Free Health Clinic in 2013. He worked with individuals who suffered from diabetes and piloted a Community Health Worker program in Kansas City. The pilot program was a success and has now expanded to several locations, such as doctors' offices, hospitals, and social service settings.

Martin moved to Las Vegas, NV where he specializes in community work. He was formerly a Care Coordinator with The LGBTQ Center in Las Vegas where he created its *Linkage to Care Project*, which focuses on working with individuals who battle substance misuse and oftentimes suffering from mental health issues.

"This is a historic appointment, Mr. Martin is a beloved activist for LGBTQ+IA in Southern Nevada, he lives by the belief that every community deserves to have an activist, civil rights champion, and ally to fight for equal rights for all," says Kara Jenkins, NERC's administrator.

Martin is the President and Co-Founder of Brothers with Purpose, a 501c3 non-profit organization that is a collective of Black and Brown men united to form a premiere organization for all communities. He is also an Early Childhood Community Health Project Manager for the Nevada non-profit organization The Children's Cabinet, where he works directly with Child Care Providers and families to address social disparities while building health and wellness, specifically in underserved communities.

Martin studied psychology at Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City, and has received a certification from the College of Southern Nevada Community Health Worker program. He has mastered topics such as addressing social disparities, connecting individuals to community resources, addressing cultural competency and trauma informed care, and mental health issues.

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