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Retail Industry Appreciates Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency, Is Working to Secure Nevada's Supply Chain Amid COVID-19 Outbreak

The Retail Association of Nevada shared Friday that they appreciate Governor Sisolak's declaration of emergency to help make needed resources available to the state.

"Nevada's retailers are proud to stand with local communities during difficult times, and with the Declaration of Emergency, Governor Sisolak has made additional state and federal resources available for Nevada's retail industry to work to secure supply chains and keep critical products available to help our communities during this outbreak," said Bryan Wachter, Senior Vice President of Government and Public Affairs of the Retail Association of Nevada.

The Declaration of Emergency in Nevada provides the ability to:

- Activate the State Emergency Operations Center
- Establish an Emergency Team to coordinate the response to COVID-19
- Allow for emergency purchase of food, supplies, services and equipment
- Prepare law enforcement to keep the public safe and enforce consumer protection laws

The Retail Association of Nevada is closely monitoring COVID-19 and, with their member businesses, is working to secure Nevada's supply chain to ensure that needed products continue to be available for Nevadans.

"The Retail Association of Nevada is very concerned about disruptions to the supply chain as a result of COVID-19. Nevada consumers are purchasing items like cleaning wipes, hand sanitizers and toilet paper faster than our retailers can get them on the shelves," Wachter said. "We urge consumers to be strategic in their shopping, focusing their purchases on items to last about 14 days, the average length of a quarantine period, rather than months, which will help retailers continue to stock supplies and goods to meet the needs of all Nevadans. We also ask on behalf of our retailers, please be patient while you are shopping. Many Nevadans are anxious and nervous about an ever-changing situation, and our retailers are working hard to keep their stores safe, stocked and staffed to keep Nevadans safe."

Tips for shopping during the COVID-19 outbreak:

1. Make a plan of what you already have and what your family needs during a 2-week period
2. Have a prepared list before you go to the store but be flexible if products are not available.
3. Consider products like frozen meals and vegetables and be aware of expiration dates.
4. Limit quantities to a few weeks supply to help ensure that more products are available to more customers.
5. Try to avoid shopping during rush hours to reduce wait times and large crowds.

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