

Sandoval wants to protect transgender soldiers

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Gov. Brian Sandoval said as commander-in-chief of the Nevada National Guard, he will do what he can to protect transgender service members even though President Trump proposed banning their service in the U.S. military.

“I support Guardsman (Sam) Hunt and am thankful for his longstanding service to our state and country,” according to a prepared statement from the governor’s office referring to the Guard’s first openly transgender service member.

After learning of the three-part tweet from Trump that said the Department of Defense wants to reinstate a ban on transgender soldiers, Sandoval said he “immediately requested information on what protections the state could put into place.”

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