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EXECUTIVE ORDER
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ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Throughout most of the history of our nation the basic rights of women have largely gone unrealized due to prejudice and antiquated customs. These rights are basic to the tenets of democracy and this nation's commitment to human dignity and freedom.

The dedication of the authors of our Constitution to advance the general welfare has been realized through contributions to family security and the strengthening of the home life of our citizens. At the same time the social, economic and political activities of our society have been served continually by the distinctive capabilities of women; yet, all too often, their skills have been inadequately realized and utilized.

Opportunities to develop the capacities of all our citizens, regardless of sex, should be assured. Discrimination in public and private employment on the basis of sex must be overcome for the benefit of our entire state. Problems in education, labor, taxation, and civil and political rights must be recognized and examined.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona it is ordered as follows:

Part I - Establishment of the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

Section I. There is hereby established the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women.

Section II. The Commission shall be composed of twenty-five (25) members appointed by the Governor from among persons with a competency in the area of public affairs and women's activities.

Section III. The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairman.

Part II. Duties of the Commission:

Section I. The Commission shall study and review past efforts and progress and make recommendations for future action on:

(a) Employment practices and policies, both public and private.
(b) Arizona labor laws dealing with wages, hours and night employment to determine whether they are accomplishing the purposes for which they were established and whether they should be adapted to changing technological, economic and social conditions.
(c) Political, civil and property rights and the legal treatment of these rights in respect to differences accorded men and women.
(d) Future services that may be required for women as wives, mothers and workers, including day-care programs, education, home services, training and counseling.
(e) New policies and practices of the Government of the State of Arizona including legislative, executive and administrative action designed to insure equal employment opportunities for women.

(f) To establish adequate health and safety regulations for the protection of the homemaker and consumer.

(g) To eliminate discrimination in all areas of society on account of sex.

Section II. All executive departments and agencies of the Government of the State of Arizona are requested to cooperate with the Commission in the performance of its duties and studies.

Section III. The Commission shall submit a preliminary report of its recommendations to the Governor by November 15, 1965. Further reports of recommendations shall be submitted by November 31, each year until such time as the Governor deems the Commission has completed its studies. Further activities of the Commission shall be determined at the discretion of the Governor and the Commission.

Signed:

SAMUEL P. GODDARD
Governor of Arizona

Witness:

WESLEY BOLIN
Secretary of State

Date: May 18, 1965

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