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ESTABLISHING THE ARIZONA WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Throughout the course of this nation's history the rights guaranteed to all citizens have not been fully extended to women. These rights are essential to the maintenance of an enlightened democracy and are basic to America's commitment to human equality and freedom.

With the year of our Bicentennial approaching it is imperative that the vast contributions to our growth made by women be fully realized. At the same time it is essential to recognize and develop the potential in women that lies virtually untapped due to widespread prejudice and ignorance. Opportunities to develop these capabilities in all citizens, female or male, must be a firm commitment on all levels of government. Discrimination in employment, both public and private, must be overcome for the welfare of the State of Arizona, as well as that of the entire nation. The inequities that exist in economic, social, political and legal areas must be recognized and eliminated.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona, it is hereby ordered:

That there be re-established an Arizona Women's Commission.

PART I

The Arizona Women's Commission shall be composed of not less than 35 nor more than 50 members appointed by (and serving at the pleasure of) the Governor from among persons with competency in the areas of public affairs, labor, domestic relations, and related matters. Each county shall have representation on the commission.

SECTION I. One-third of the membership of the Arizona Women's Commission shall be appointed for terms of one year, one-third of the membership shall serve terms of two years, while one-third shall serve terms of three years. Upon expiration of the first terms, all future members shall be appointed to serve for a period of three years.

SECTION II. The Arizona Women's Commission shall meet at least once monthly at a time and place to be called by the chairperson.

SECTION III. A chairperson shall be appointed by the commission at its first meeting from among the membership.

SECTION IV. More than three absences not excused by the chairperson shall result in the removal of that person from the commission. The vacancy shall be filled from the county of residence of the former member.

PART II

The function of the Arizona Women's Commission shall include but not be limited to:

1. Effectively work for the equal treatment for women including heads of households in economic areas such as tax, credit, insurance, pension and other related matters.
2. Encourage effective participation of women in the political decision making.
3. Promote affirmative counseling in vocational education for all women in order to acquaint and prepare them to reach their full potential.
4. Work to implement and expand occupational training programs designed to increase the potential of women to contribute equally in society.
5. Encourage the establishment of local women's commissions throughout the state to exchange information with these commissions in order to advance the role of women.

6. Recognize and upgrade the role of volunteer women in business, civic activities, health services and government.
7. Work towards the enactment of special tax exemptions for costs of performing volunteer services.
8. Promote the concept of community-controlled child development centers.
9. Work towards the establishment of adequate health and safety regulations for the protection of the individual.
10. To strive for equal treatment for all people in housing.
11. To work to raise the amount of need payable under Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) to 100% for families where the single parent is either male or female.
12. Keep informed of all new state and federal laws and to disseminate such legislation in order to educate the public.
13. To consider the effects of new developments on methods of advancing the role of women and to recommend appropriate action to the Governor.

PART III

The Arizona Women's Commission shall have the authority to:

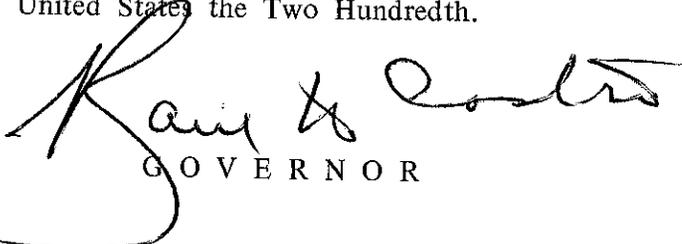
1. Receive and expend any monies arising from federal grant contributions, and gratuities payable by the Arizona Women's Commission by the United States. The commission may also receive and expend any monies arising from grants, contributions, and gratuities donated by private persons, foundations, corporations, or any level of state or local government.
2. Conduct public hearings or to testify at public hearings with the consent of the Governor.
3. Gather and collate statistics relating to women from all arms of state government, including the resources of the state's colleges and universities.
4. Include non-members to serve on sub-committees within the commission.

PART IV

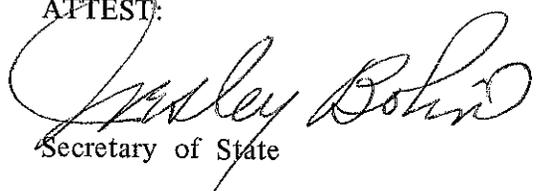
The Arizona Women's Commission shall submit a preliminary report of its recommendations and findings to the Governor on or before July 1, 1976. Further reports and recommendations shall be submitted at such time each year as is agreed to by the membership of the commission and the Governor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this tenth day of September in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-five and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundredth.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


Secretary of State