

EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 81-1
WOMEN'S COMMISSION

(Amending Executive Order No. 77-8)
Establishing the Arizona Women's Commission

WHEREAS, Arizona has a deep commitment to equality of opportunity for all of its citizens, including women; and

WHEREAS, the focus of that commitment is to eliminate any legal, social, political or economic discrimination which affects homemakers and working women alike; and

WHEREAS, the consequences of discrimination in such areas as employment, equal pay, education, credit and social security have a dramatic effect on the family; and

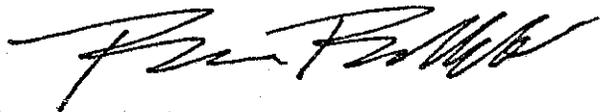
WHEREAS, this State recognizes that by its assistance in these areas it is furthering the pursuit of equal opportunity for all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bruce Babbitt, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby create the Arizona Women's Commission and delineate herein its structure and duties:

1. The Arizona Women's Commission shall be comprised of not fewer than 10 nor more than 12 members appointed by the Governor. The members of the Commission shall be selected so as to fairly represent the diversity of Arizona's women and shall possess such expertise as is required by the Commission's responsibilities.
2. The Commission shall meet at least twice annually.
3. The term of office shall be two years.
4. A chairperson shall be appointed annually by the Governor.
5. The functions and the purpose of the Commission shall be:
 - a. to identify and formulate issues concerning Arizona's women and advise the Governor on these issues;
 - b. to encourage and support research designed to assess the needs and problems of women throughout the State;
 - c. to participate in appropriate decision making forums where the commission's expertise and presence could provide significant input;

- d. to develop task forces throughout the state to aid in the assessment and addressing of the particular needs and problems of women;
- e. to make appropriate recommendations for legislation or administrative action;
- f. to develop a concrete program for private and/or governmental funding of a fully operational and staffed Women's Commission;
- g. to direct attention to critical problems confronting women as wives, mothers, homemakers and workers;
- h. to promote more effective methods for enabling women to develop their skills, continue their education and be retrained;
- i. to advise the Governor on the status of women in Arizona through a semi-annual report.

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



G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 5th day of January in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty One and Independence of the United States of America Two Hundred and Fourth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

