

Executive Order 2013-04

Establishing the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking

WHEREAS, human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery that severely victimizes vulnerable populations including women, children and impoverished individuals; and

WHEREAS, both federal and state law prohibit human trafficking and provide for strong penalties for individuals who violate the law; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking includes causing another person to engage in prostitution or forced labor or services by enticing, recruiting, harboring, providing, transporting or otherwise obtaining another person by deception, coercion or force; and

WHEREAS, Arizona policymakers have attempted to combat human trafficking through the adoption of laws prohibiting human trafficking and related activities; and

WHEREAS, the nature of human trafficking makes it difficult to identify victims, particularly victims of sex trafficking; and

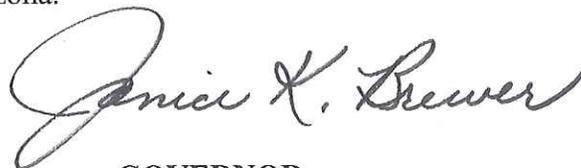
WHEREAS, the problem of human trafficking in Arizona persists and more can and should be done to fight this terrible crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking (hereafter Task Force) is established. The Task Force shall consist of the following individuals appointed by the Governor:
 - One member of the State Senate;
 - One member of the State House of Representatives;
 - Two county attorneys;
 - The Director of the Department of Public Safety;
 - A member with federal law enforcement experience;
 - A representative of a local law enforcement agency;
 - A representative of the Criminal Division of the Office of the Arizona Attorney General;
 - A representative of a nonprofit organization that works with victims of human trafficking;
 - A representative of the faith-based community;
 - Four public members; and
 - At the sole discretion of the Governor, additional members with relevant experience.

2. The Governor shall designate two Co-Chairpersons.
3. The Task Force shall meet to:
 - Review Arizona laws, administrative practices and law enforcement training pertaining to human trafficking;
 - Take testimony from subject matter experts who have experience managing the impacts of human trafficking;
 - Identify opportunities to strengthen Arizona human trafficking statutes; and
 - Make recommendations to the Governor for any changes in law, administrative practice or law enforcement training that will reduce human trafficking in Arizona and improve ways to identify and assist the victims of human trafficking.
4. The Task Force shall prepare and submit a report to the Governor by September 30, 2013. The report shall include a summary of findings and final recommendations of the Task Force to the Governor.
5. The status of the Task Force shall be reviewed no later than July 1, 2014, to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.
6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signature.

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



GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 8th day of April in the Year Two Thousand Thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Seventh.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

