

Executive Order 2014 – 05

Establishing the Arizona Human Trafficking Council

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

WHEREAS, Arizona policy makers 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; and

WHEREAS, greater federal, state, and local coordination on human trafficking is critical to addressing human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking was established in April 2013 to review Arizona laws, administrative practices and law enforcement training pertaining to human trafficking and make recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking completed its work upon submission of its recommendations to the Governor in September 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking recommended that an ongoing statewide council be established to address human trafficking within Arizona.

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 establish and order as follows:

- 1) The Arizona Human Trafficking Council (hereafter Council) is established.
- 2) Membership of the Council shall include the following individuals appointed by the Governor:
 - One representative from a county attorney's office or the Attorney General's Office;
 - One representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts;
 - One representative from the Arizona Department of Health Services;
 - One representative from the Arizona Department of Public Safety;
 - One representative from the Arizona Department of Transportation;
 - One representative from the state child protection agency;
 - Two representatives of law enforcement agencies;
 - Two representatives of non-profit organizations that are involved in programs or services related to human trafficking;
 - One survivor of human trafficking;
 - Seven members of the public; and
 - At the sole discretion of the Governor, additional members with relevant experience.
- 3) The members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

- 4) The Governor shall designate two Co-Chairs of the Council.
- 5) The Council shall:
 - Collect and analyze, to the greatest extent possible, data on human trafficking in the state and submit reports to the Governor as deemed appropriate by the Council;
 - Further study and consider the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Human Trafficking and oversee the implementation of the recommendations, as appropriate;
 - Develop a coordinated and comprehensive plan to provide human trafficking victims with appropriate services;
 - Foster greater collaboration among law enforcement, non-profit organizations that serve human trafficking victims, government agencies, and the community-at-large in order to effectively address human trafficking statewide; and
 - Promote public awareness about human trafficking, victim services and restitution, and trafficking prevention.
- 6) The Council shall be staffed by the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families.
- 7) The Chairperson may form an executive committee or other sub-committees as necessary.
- 8) The status of the Council shall be reviewed no later than December 31, 2015 to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification or termination.
- 9) 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.

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of March in the Year Two Thousand Fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

Kim Blum

Secretary of State