

Executive Order 2014-06

Establishing the Governor's Office of Faith and Community Partnerships and the Arizona Council on Faith and Community Partnerships (Superseding and Amending Executive Order 2010-16)

WHEREAS, the recent fiscal crisis significantly impacted the State of Arizona, including services relied upon by children, elderly, disabled and low-income residents; and

WHEREAS, faith-based and non-profit organizations have a long history of providing support and services to vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, government has an important but limited role in providing benefits, goods and services and the community-at-large is the principal problem-solver and is essential to the economic and social success of individuals; and

WHEREAS, partnerships with faith-based organizations are critical to strengthening individuals and families, increasing self-sufficiency and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS, collaboration among state agencies and faith-based and non-profit organizations to provide community resources improves the overall quality of life in Arizona.

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

1. The Governor's Office of Faith and Community Partnerships (*Office*) is hereby established to serve as a statewide faith and community initiative resource for the Governor and the State of Arizona.
 - a. The Director of the *Office* shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
 - b. The *Office* may accept monies from local, state or federal government sources, other public agencies, or non-governmental organizations, and monies donated or awarded by any other entities. The monies shall be expended solely for the purposes provided in this Executive Order and accounted for as provided by law.
2. The Arizona Council on Faith and Community Partnerships (*Council*) is established.
 - a. The purpose of the *Council* is to establish and support partnerships between the state, and faith-based and non-profit organizations in an effort to strengthen communities.
 - b. The *Council* shall assist the *Office* in identifying and prioritizing the needs of children, elderly, disabled, low-income and other vulnerable residents and assist in leveraging community resources to improve the system of services.
 - c. The *Council* shall be comprised of the following members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, and serve, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor:

- Director or Director's designee, Arizona Department of Child Safety;
 - Director or Director's designee, Arizona Department of Economic Security;
 - Director or Director's designee, Arizona Department of Health Services;
 - Director or Director's designee, Arizona Department of Veterans Services;
 - Five representatives from faith-based organizations;
 - Five representatives from non-profit organizations that serve Arizona families; and
 - Additional members as appointed by the Governor.
- d. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson of the *Council*.
- e. Members of the *Council* shall attend meetings and vote.
- f. The *Council* shall be staffed by the Governor's Office of Faith and Community Partnerships.
3. The *Office* and the *Council* shall:
- a. Promote outreach and maximize resources to address the needs of the community;
 - b. Improve collaboration between the State, faith-based and non-profit organizations;
 - c. Foster communication between the community and faith-based and non-profit organizations about available resources; and
 - d. Promote service and volunteerism in the State of Arizona.
4. All Executive Branch agencies, boards and commissions are authorized and directed to provide assistance to the *Office* and the *Council* in implementing the provisions of this order.
5. 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 twenty-ninth day of August in the Year Two Thousand and Fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Ninth.

ATTEST: *Ken Blumenthal*

Secretary of State