

THE STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

AUSTIN, TEXAS

EXECUTIVE ORDER

D.B. No. 32

ESTABLISHING THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

WHEREAS, a critical need continues in our country to fully utilize the potential of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, more than half the population of our nation and of this state are women, and their opportunities to contribute to the growth of our country should be maximized; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that no person, state law, or agency deter by action, or inaction any woman from achieving her full potential of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the goal of maximizing women's opportunities to contribute fully to the growth of this state can be greatly aided by a Commission established for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Texas by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, the following is ordered:

Section I

THE COMMISSION

101. There is hereby established the Texas Commission on the Status of Women, referred to herein as the Commission.

102. The Commission is composed of at least 15 members appointed by the Governor, who shall serve at the discretion of the Governor.

103. The Commission shall elect from its membership a chairperson and other officers it deems necessary.

104. The Commission may hire a Director who shall perform duties assigned by the Commission.

105. Members shall serve without salary, but may be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred while attending official called meetings of the Commission.

106. The Commission shall convene at least quarterly and on call of the chair. A majority shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the Commission. A vote of the majority of members present shall be sufficient for all actions of the Commission.

107. The Commission shall make and publish to the Governor and the Legislature, an annual report of its activities, and make recommendations required by this order.

Section II

DUTIES AND AUTHORITY

201. The Commission shall:

- a) distribute information and data concerning women, their employment and activities;
- b) have the responsibility for developing policies and programs

to assure that women receive equal treatment in all areas of life;

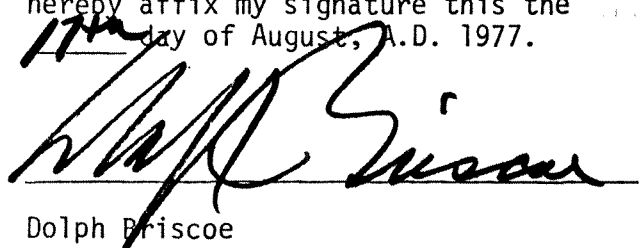
- c) develop programs to provide new and expanded services for women in the home and in the community to assist them in making maximum contribution to the general welfare of their families and communities; and
- d) develop recommendations for employment policies and practices affecting women, to include methods of achieving equal opportunity for employment and advancement and full utilization of the talent and skill of the entire work force.

202. The Commission is authorized to contract for the use of services of consultants and experts as may be determined necessary, and may charge a reasonable fee for copies of Commission material. This fee is to cover the printing and shipping charges of material compiled or caused to be printed by the Commission and made available to the public.

203. The Commission shall seek the cooperation of all state departments and agencies to assist in the performance of its responsibilities under this order.

204. The Commission shall adopt rules of procedure consistent with the provisions of this Executive Order.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 17th day of August, A.D. 1977.



Dolph Briscoe
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:



Mark White

Secretary of State

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