

Executive Orders

GWB 95-10

Relating to Continuing the Governor's Commission for Women

WHEREAS, more than half the population of our national and this state are women;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the potential of all citizens be utilized to the fullest extent without regard to sex, race, religion, national origin, marital or parental status;

WHEREAS, this administration has a sincere and firm commitment to the goals of achieving equal legal, economic, political, educational, and social opportunity and advancement of women;

WHEREAS, the achievement of these goals can best be accomplished by continuing and redirecting the Governor's Commission for Women;

NOW THEREFORE, I, George W. Bush, Governor of the State of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby order that the Governor's Commission for Women, hereafter referred to as the Commission, is continued without interruption.

The Commission will consist of no more than twenty-four (24) members appointed by the Governor for a two-year term. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall designate a Chair and Vice-Chair from the membership who shall hold such designations at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall appoint an executive director who shall assist the Commission as it adopts rules and procedures and develops and implements activities consistent with the provisions of this executive order.

The Commission shall have as its principal charge the achievement of the following:

- (a) Aid the Governor in finding and recommending qualified women for appointive office;
- (b) Identify, assess, and develop strategies, including community outreach activities, public-private partnerships, and coordination of community and state resources, to improve the status of women in Texas;
- (c) Hold workshops around the state to identify the needs and concerns of women and to recommend assistance and services in those areas;
- (d) Participate with established task forces and policy groups on issues affecting women;
- (e) Monitor federal and state legislation relating to issues affecting women;
- (f) Establish a State Agency Council to assist the Commission in fulfilling its charge; and
- (g) Support and promote volunteer efforts in the state by housing a Governor's Office of Volunteerism.

The Commission shall make a biennial written report of its findings, activities, and recommendations to the Governor.

The Commission shall meet quarterly or at the call of the Chair. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the Commission.

The members of the Commission shall serve without salary.

All agencies of state and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate and assist the Commission in the performance of duties.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on August 17, 1995.

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George W. Bush
Governor of Texas



GWB 95-11

Relating to the Designation of the Texas Secretary of State as Chief International Protocol Officer

WHEREAS, a healthy Texas economy is of paramount importance in providing for the social, economic, and educational welfare of the citizens of the Texas; and

WHEREAS, the burgeoning international and global economy has become increasingly competitive, complex, and interdependent upon both business and governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, the need for a close and cordial working relationship between the leadership of the State of Texas and the governmental and business leadership of other nations is imperative to a sound plan to foster economic growth in Texas; and

WHEREAS, on February 23, 1995, I directed the Texas Secretary of State to serve as my official representative in dealing with international visitors of both governments and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has appropriated funds for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, Governor, of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, do hereby designate the Texas Secretary of State as

Chief International Protocol Officer

and charge the Secretary with the duties which include, but are not limited to, the following:

Represent the Governor and the State of Texas at meetings and other events with international leaders.
Arrange and facilitate meetings and other engagements between the Governor and international leaders.
Greet chiefs of state, heads of governments and other appropriate functionaries on official visits to Texas.
Meet with foreign government officials or foreign business leaders as requested to address problems not resolved through other channels.
Attend events of an international nature as appropriate or as requested.
Entertain international visitors as appropriate or as requested.
Travel to foreign countries to promote goodwill, tourism, or economic development as appropriate or as requested.
Any other activities incident to the foregoing or otherwise related thereto as appropriate or as requested.

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