

## **Executive Order 2015-12**

### **Renewing the Arizona Human Trafficking Council**

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking is a form of oppression that often targets vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, both federal and state law criminalize human trafficking and impose strong penalties on individuals who violate the law; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the problem of human trafficking in Arizona persists and more can and should be done to combat this heinous crime; and

**WHEREAS**, coordination between federal, state, and local governments, agencies, and human service providers is critical to address the issue of human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Human Trafficking Council plays an important role in making recommendations on actions to combat human trafficking as well as to facilitate coordination between all levels of government, non-profit organizations, and other interested parties; and

**WHEREAS**, our tribal partners are an important voice and should be given representation on this council.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Arizona do hereby renew the Arizona Human Trafficking Council as follows:

- Membership of the Council shall include the following individuals appointed by the Governor:
  - One representative from a county attorney's office;
  - One representative from the Attorney General's Office;
  - One representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts;
  - One representative from the Arizona Department of Health Services or the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System;
  - One representative from the Arizona Department of Public Safety;
  - One representative from the Arizona Department of Transportation;
  - One representative from the Arizona Department of Child Safety;
  - One representative from the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family;
  - Two representatives of law enforcement agencies;
  - Two representatives of non-profit organization that are involved in programs or services related to human trafficking;
  - One survivor of human trafficking;
  - Six members of the public;
  - One representative of a Native American tribe; and
  - At the sole discretion of the Governor, additional members with relevant experience.

- The members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
- The Governor shall designate two Co-Chairs of the Council.
- The Council shall:
  - Collect and analyze data on human trafficking in the state of Arizona;
  - Develop recommendations to provide human trafficking victims with appropriate services;
  - Foster greater collaboration among law enforcement, non-profit organizations, government agencies, and the community at large to more effectively address human trafficking statewide; and
  - Promote public awareness about human trafficking, victim services, and prevention.
  - Work to develop and facilitate training for first responders, law enforcement, and professions engaged in human trafficking.
- The Council shall be staffed by the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith, and Family.
- The Co-Chairs may form an executive committee or other sub-committees as necessary.
- 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 Sixteenth day of December in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:



Secretary of State

