

GOVERNOR KATIE HOBBS

STATE OF ARIZONA

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Executive Order 2023-22

**Continuing the Governor's Commission to Prevent Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence
(Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2015-04)**

WHEREAS, intimate partner violence and gender-based violence affect Arizonans across the State, regardless of age, race, gender, economic status, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

WHEREAS, witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next, increasing the chance of perpetuating the cycle of violence in adult relationships; and

WHEREAS, protecting Arizona's communities starts with ensuring that everyone is free from violence.

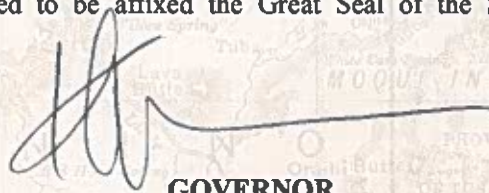
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of this State, hereby continue the Governor's Commission to Prevent Violence Against Women (the "Commission") and order and direct as follows:

1. The Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) shall serve as the lead entity for administration of the Commission.
2. The Governor's designee(s) shall serve as Chair or Co-Chairs.
3. The Commission shall be composed of the following members who are appointed by and serve, without compensation, at the pleasure of the Governor. Membership shall include, but is not limited to, a representative from the following:
 - a. Arizona Attorney General's Office;
 - b. Arizona Department of Health Services;
 - c. Arizona Department of Child Safety;
 - d. Arizona Department of Economic Security;
 - e. Administrative Office of the Courts;
 - f. Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence;
 - g. Southwest Indigenous Women's Coalition;
 - h. A non-profit organization that is involved in programs or services related to sexual and/or domestic violence;
 - i. A tribal entity that is involved in programs or services related to sexual and/or domestic violence;
 - j. A limited jurisdiction court judge or administrator;

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- k. Organizations representing underserved and culturally-specific populations;
 - l. A prosecutorial agency representing a municipal jurisdiction;
 - m. A prosecutorial agency representing a county jurisdiction;
 - n. A law enforcement agency;
 - o. A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner;
 - p. One or more public members; and
 - q. Such other members as the Governor determines are appropriate.
 4. Membership shall reflect the diversity of the population of the State to ensure that the Commission considers recommendations reflective of communities across Arizona.
 5. The Chair/Co-Chairs may form an executive committee or other committee(s) as necessary.
 6. The Commission shall:
 - a. Work with entities throughout the State to increase awareness, prevention, and services to improve the response to sexual and domestic violence;
 - b. Work collaboratively with jurisdictions throughout the State to ensure a victim-centered, coordinated community response to sexual and domestic violence;
 - c. Provide a forum for addressing input from the community and respond to new information on violence against women;
 - d. Educate and inform businesses, educational institutions, State and local governments, and the general public about the nature and scope of violence against women;
 - e. Identify up to five (5) priorities that shall serve as areas of focus for the Commission's work over the course of the next four (4) years. Such topics may include, but are not limited to the following: multidisciplinary team coordination, expanding culturally-specific services, improving coordination and response to violence against women, increasing capacity to reduce domestic and sexual violence-related fatalities, and expanding awareness of violence against women.
 - f. Assist with the development of the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Implementation Plan and work to ensure compliance with the statutory eligibility requirements of the Violence Against Women Act.
 7. The status of the Commission shall be reviewed by the Governor's Office starting December 31, 2024 to determine appropriate action for its continuance, modification, or elimination.
 8. This Executive Order shall not confer any legal rights or remedies upon any person and shall not be used as a basis for legal challenges to any action or inaction of a State Agency, officer, employee, or agent thereof.
 9. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are declared to be severable.

This Executive Order amends and supersedes Executive Order 2015-04.

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 third day of October
in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-Three and of the
independence of the United States of America the Two
Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

