

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29

OCTOBER 25, 2002

**COMMISSION ON WOMEN'S ISSUES**

Whereas, it is the policy of the City of New York to ensure for the women of the City freedom from discrimination based upon gender, to assure for them the benefits of equal opportunity and the full utilization of their talents, and, in general, to promote their economic and social well-being; and

Whereas, it is necessary and desirable that the City of New York provide a program for the enactment and implementation of said policy:

Now, therefore, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1        There is hereby established under the direction of the Office of the Mayor a Commission on Women's Issues (hereinafter called the "Commission"), which shall consist of a Chairperson and not less than 30 members. The Chairperson shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Chair of the New York City Commission on Human Rights, former Chairpersons of the Commission, and former Chairpersons of the Commission on the Status of Women shall serve as non-voting ex officio members. Members, other than the Chairperson and the ex officio members, shall be appointed for terms of three years, subject to removal at the pleasure of the Mayor.

§ 2.     The Commission shall:

(a)     Serve as an advocate for women and support programs to remove barriers to full participation in all areas of women's personal and work lives;

(b)     Study the nature and extent of discrimination against women in the City of New York;

(c)     Make recommendations to the Mayor for legislation or executive action to improve the lives of women;

(d)     Educate the public about women's issues;

(e) Support and work collaboratively with the network of organizations in the public and private sectors working to expand opportunities for women;

§ 3. The Commission shall be concerned with protecting and promoting opportunities for women in all areas, such as employment, housing, childcare, education and health.

§ 4. The Commission is authorized to work in conjunction with governmental agencies, where appropriate, and all departments and agencies of the City of New York are urged to cooperate with the Commission in the performance of its duties.

§ 5. The Chairperson may establish such committees of the Commission as may be deemed necessary for the performance and carrying out of its duties and functions.

§ 6. The Mayor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission to assist the Commission in carrying out its duties.

§ 7. Executive Order No. 28, dated March 31, 1975, and Executive Order No. 86, dated June 7, 1977, are hereby revoked.

§ 8. This order shall take effect immediately.

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Michael R. Bloomberg  
Mayor