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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Executive Order 1997-01 created the Governor's
3 Commission on the Status of Women, which was directed to
4 identify solutions to remove obstacles and impediments that
5 face women and families in Illinois; and

6 WHEREAS, The majority of the obstacles and impediments that
7 were identified by the Governor's Commission on the Status of
8 Women in 1998 remain unresolved; and

9 WHEREAS, In a continuing effort to help women achieve
10 economic independence, the General Assembly finds that it is
11 necessary to reestablish the Commission on the Status of Women
12 in order to continue this important work; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
15 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there is created the Commission
16 on the Status of Women within the Office of the Governor in
17 order to identify solutions to remove obstacles and impediments
18 in education, employment, business, and health care in
19 Illinois; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall consist of the
21 following members:

1 (1) two members of the House of Representatives
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3 (2) two members of the House of Representatives
4 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
5 Representatives;

6 (3) two members of the Senate appointed by the
7 President of the Senate;

8 (4) two members of the Senate appointed by the Minority
9 Leader of the Senate;

10 (5) one member appointed by the Governor; and

11 (6) eight members of the public, two each appointed by
12 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority
13 Leader of the House of Representatives, the President of
14 the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the Senate; and be
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That vacancies occurring because of death or
17 resignation shall be filled by the appointing authority for the
18 group in which the vacancy occurs; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall, within 30 days after
20 all of the members have been appointed, organize by appointing
21 one member as its Chairperson and by making necessary rules for
22 the administration of the Commission that are not inconsistent
23 with this resolution; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Commission may employ those employees
2 and assistants as it deems necessary without regard to the
3 Personnel Code or any other law of this State concerning State
4 employment; the members of the Commission and their employees
5 and assistants shall serve without compensation; and be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That 9 members of the Commission shall constitute
8 a quorum for the transaction of business, and the concurrence
9 of at least 8 Commissioners shall be necessary to render a
10 decision by the Commission; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall undertake the
12 following activities:

13 (1) studying the status of women in this State and make
14 recommendations for constructive action in employment
15 policies and practices, Illinois labor laws, legal rights,
16 the family and the employed woman, women and citizens
17 volunteers, access to health care, education, and expanded
18 health care and employment programs to help women as wives,
19 mothers, and workers;

20 (2) studying and analyzing all facts relating to
21 Illinois laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to
22 equal protection under the Illinois Constitution; and

23 (3) surveying activity in the area of the status of
24 women carried on by any commission, agency, or department

1 of the federal government or State or any private entity
2 and cooperating with these entities in conducting
3 investigations and studies; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Commission may accept monetary gifts or
5 grants from the federal government or its agencies, from any
6 charitable foundation or professional association, or from any
7 other reputable source for the implementation of any program
8 necessary or desirable for carrying out the general purposes of
9 the Commission; such gifts and grants may be held in trust by
10 the Commission and expended in the exercise of its powers and
11 performance of its duties and prescribed by law; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall make a full report of
14 its proceedings, recommendations concerning the activities of
15 the Commission, and recommendations for legislative
16 consideration and action to the Governor and the members of the
17 General Assembly on or before February 1, 2016.