# COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

NOTICE

D. C. Law 2-109

"District of Columbia Commission for Women Act of 1978"

Pursuant to Section 412 of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act, P. L. 93-198, "the Act', the Council of the District of Columbia adopted Bill No. 2-236, on first and second readings May 30, 1978 and June 13, 1978, respectively.

Following the signature of the Mayor on July 13, 1978, this legislation was assigned Act No. 2-230, published in the August 11, 1978, edition of the D. C. Register and transmitted to both Houses of Congress for a 30-day review, in accordance with Section 602 (c)(1) of the Act.

The Council of the District of Columbia hereby gives notice that the 30-day Congressional Review Period has expired and, therefore, cites the following legislation as D.C. Law 2-109, effective September 22, 1978.

STERLING TUCKER Chairman of the Council

(Vol. 25, D.C. Register, 1456, August 11, 1978)

#### 2-109

## IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### September 22. 1978

To establish the District of Columbia Commission for Women.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

That this act may be cited as the "District of Columbia

Commission for Women Act of 1978".

Sec. 2. Statement of Purpose.

It is the purpose of this act to support programs directed toward evaluating and improving the status of women in the District of Columbia by establishing the Commission for Women.

- Sec. 3. Establishment of the Commission.
- (a) There is hereby established in the District of Columbia a Commission for Women (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"). The Commission shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members appointed by the Mayor of the District of Columbia (hereinafter referred to as the "Mayor"), with the advice and consent of the Council of the District of Columbia (hereinafter referred to as the "Council"), from among the residents of the District of Columbia with experience in the areas of public affairs and

representative by geographic area and reflective by race and age of the population of the District of Columbia. The Commission shall be the successor to the Commission on the Status of Momen established by Organization Order No. 38.

Commissioner's Order No. 73-94a. effective April 24. 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission on the Status of Momen").

- (b) Members of the Commission shall be appointed to serve terms of three (3) years and shall serve until their successors are appointed. The present members of the Commission on the Status of Women shall be members of the Commission established by this act for the remainder of their current terms. A member of the Commission may be reappointed but may serve no more than two (2) consecutive full terms. Tenure on the Commission on the Status of Women shall count toward the consecutive two (2) full term limit on the Commission.
- (c) Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Commission+ the Mayor+ with the advice and consent of the Council+ shall+ within ninety (90) working days of such vacancy+ appoint a successor to fill the unexpired portion of the term.

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- (d) The Mayor shall designate from among the members appointed to the Commission, the chairperson, who shall serve in that capacity at the pleasure of the Mayor.
- (e) All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation: EXCEPT. That expenses incurred by the Commission as a whole or by its individual members, when duly authorized. shall become an obligation against appropriated District of Columbia funds designated for that purpose.
- (f) The Mayor may remove, after notice and hearing, any member of the Commission for neglect of duty, incompetence, misconduct or malfeasance in office.

Sec. 4. Powers of the Commission.

- (a) The Commission shall conduct studies, review progress, develop, recommend and undertake action and initiate and conduct programs in areas including, but not limited to, the following:
- elimination of discrimination based on sex and elimination of sex role stereotyping and bias;
- (2) public and private employment practices, including matters pertaining to hours, wages and working conditions;
  - (3) education;
- (4) equality of rights and responsibilities of men and women under the law;

- (5) new and expanded services for women to facilitate their optimal functioning as homemakers, wage-earners and citizens, including mental and physical health care, and the improvement of facilities for child care and youth development.
- (b) The Commission is authorized to apply for and receive grants to fund its program activities in accordance with procedures relating to grants management.
- (c) The Commission may accept private gifts and donations to carry out the purposes of this act.
- (d) The Commission shall stimulate and encourage study and review of the status of women and may act as a clearinghouse for activities in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 5. Administration.

- (a) The Commission shall appoint an executive director who shall be the chief administrative officer of the Commission. The executive director shall report regularly to the Commission on staff activities. The executive director shall receive annual rate of compensation fixed in accordance with chapter 51 of Title 5 of the United States Code.
- (b) Additional staff service for the Commission shall be supplied in accordance with positions and funding approved in the District of Columbia budget.

- (c) The Commission is authorized to establish rules and procedures for the conduct of its business, including the election of officers other than the chairperson, as it deems necessary.
- (d) The Commission shall submit to the Mayor annual reports of its activities and the work carried on under its direction.

Sec. 6. Repealer and Continuation.

Organization Order No. 38. Commissioner's Order No. 73-94a. effective April 24. 1973. is hereby repealed and the Commission on the Status of Women established pursuant to that Order is abolished. All personnel, property and records of and unexpended balances of appropriations and other money available to the Commission on the Status of Women are transferred to the Commission established pursuant to this act.

Sec. 7. Effective Date

This act shall take effect as provided for acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganization Act.

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