



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2009-031

CONTINUATION OF THE NEW MEXICO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEADERSHIP COMMISSION

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a devastating crime that affects thousands of people in New Mexico each year, particularly women and children;

WHEREAS, executive, legislative and judicial leaders in New Mexico have made a concerted effort to toughen domestic violence laws, improve the quality of services and increase access to those services, but more must be done to adequately address this problem;

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Domestic Violence Advisory Board was formed to recommend policy and programmatic changes to combat domestic violence crimes statewide;

WHEREAS, the Domestic Violence Advisory Board was a useful tool in the fight against domestic violence because of its collaborative nature and multi-disciplinary approach;

WHEREAS, in 2007, Governor Richardson established the New Mexico Domestic Violence Leadership Commission (hereinafter, "Commission") to improve services statewide, develop solutions to raise public awareness, and to review and make recommendations concerning the laws, regulations, and policies concerning domestic violence;

WHEREAS, from 2007 to 2009, the Commission has prepared and presented a prioritized set of recommendations for the Governor's consideration. Many of the recommendations were accepted by the Governor, creating many policy changes and several of the Commission's recommendations were enacted by the legislature with the Governor's support; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has greatly assisted in the effort to reduce domestic violence related crimes throughout the State and improve the overall health, safety and welfare of our citizens.

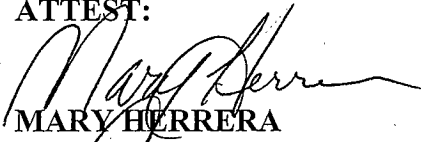
NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of New Mexico, do hereby continue the Commission, which shall be instituted as follows:

1. The Commission shall continue to:
 - a. Work with the New Mexico Domestic Violence Czar to target services that are lacking and in need of improvement, and to provide recommendations to enhance the quality and efficiency of services statewide;
 - b. Develop solutions, increase accountability, and raise public awareness regarding domestic violence; and
 - c. Review the laws, regulations, and policies that are intended to stop the prevalence of domestic violence to assess whether changes are needed.
2. The Governor shall appoint the membership of the Commission as follows:
 - a. The First Lady, who shall serve as Honorary Chair;
 - b. The New Mexico Domestic Violence Czar who shall serve as Chair;
 - c. The Attorney General or his designee;
 - d. A Senator appointed by the President pro-tem;
 - e. A Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House;
 - f. A representative from the Department of Public Safety;
 - e. The Secretary of Children, Youth and Families Department or designee;
 - f. A representative from the judiciary;
 - g. The President of the District Attorney's Association or designee;
 - h. The Chief Public Defender or designee;
 - i. A representative from the Department of Corrections;
 - j. A representative from two law enforcement agencies;
 - k. A representative from New Mexico Legal Aid;
 - l. A representative from Department of Health;

- m. A representative from the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence;
 - n. A representative from the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women;
 - o. A representative from the Crime Victim's Reparation Commission;
 - p. The Director of the New Mexico Interpersonal Violence Data Central Repository;
 - q. A representative from the New Mexico Female Intimate Partner Violence Death Review Team;
 - r. A representative from the Aging and Long Term Services Department;
 - s. A representative from the Southwest Women's Law Center; and
 - t. A community representative.
3. The Commission shall convene at the discretion of the Board Chairs.
 4. The Children Youth and Families Department shall provide administrative staff and support to the Commission.
 5. The Commission shall remain in effect for not more than two years, unless extended by executive order by the Governor.
 6. The Commission shall convene at least quarterly or more frequently as determined by the Chairs.
 7. The Commission may form ad hoc committees.
 8. The Commission shall consult with both public and private individuals, entities, interim committees, and state agencies as deemed necessary for the development of its recommendations. Input from the general public in the development of any proposals is strongly encouraged.
 9. The Commission shall prepare and present a prioritized set of recommendations for the Governor's consideration no later than August 1st of each year, beginning in 2009, unless otherwise directed by the Governor. The recommendations shall be prioritized and shall include quantifiable outcomes.
 10. The Commission shall be an advisory body that makes recommendations to the Governor and in no event shall make final decisions regarding policy.


THIS ORDER supersedes Executive Orders 2003-011, 2003-039 and 2007-041 and any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict with this Executive Order. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

ATTEST:


MARY HERRERA
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 16TH DAY OF JULY, 2009

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO


BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR

