

RESOLUTION NO. R03-074

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMENDING, RESTATING AND SUPERCEDING RESOLUTION R03-070, CREATING AND ESTABLISHING THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN; PROVIDING FOR A THIRTEEN (13) MEMBER COMMISSION; PROVIDING TERMS OF OFFICE AND QUALIFICATIONS; PROVIDING ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE COMMISSION; REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF AN ANNUAL WORK PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR FUNDING; PROVIDING DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE LIMITATION OF THE POWERS OF THE COMMISSION TO THOSE OF A PURELY ADVISORY, VOLUNTARY AND PERSUASIVE BODY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Upon motion of Commissioner castor, seconded by Commissioner Storms, the following Resolution was adopted by a vote of 6 to 1, with Commissioner(s) Frank voting "no"; Commissioner(s) \_\_\_\_\_ being absent.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. SHORT TITLE, This resolution shall be known and may be cited as "The Hillsborough County Status of Women Resolution."

Section 2. COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN. The Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women is hereby created and established.

Section 3. MEMBERSHIP, TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS.

- a.) The Commission shall consist of 13 members. Each member shall serve a four year term but initial appointments shall be staggered. A member may be reappointed but no member may serve for more than eight consecutive years.
  - (1.) Each County Commissioner shall appoint one member of the Commission. The Commissioner appointed members shall serve for the term of the appointing Commissioner,

- (2.) The Boards of Directors of the following organizations shall each provide a nomination to the Board of County Commissioners to serve on the Commission.

Four year initial terms:

Chamber of Commerce

Centre for Women

League of Women Voters

Two year initial terms:

The Spring

Hispanic Professional Women's Association, Inc.

Tampa Hillsborough Urban League

- b.) Members of the Commission shall be residents of Hillsborough County and shall reflect the diversity of the County.
- c.) Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for per diem and travel expenses pursuant to Section 112.061, Florida Statutes,
- d.) Members of the Commission may be removed by the Board of County Commissioners without cause at any time. Members who fail to attend three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission without prior approval of the chairman shall be removed from the Commission upon certification of the Commission's chairman to the Board of County Commissioners. Vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of a term in the same manner as the original appointment.

#### Section 4. OFFICERS, BYLAWS AND MEETINGS.

- a.) **OFFICERS AND BYLAWS:** The members of the Commission shall annually select a chairman from among their membership. The chairman shall preside over the meetings of the Commission. The Commission shall adopt and from time to time amend by-laws which shall identify additional officers, if any, required for the efficient operation of the Commission and shall include a schedule of meetings. Unless in conflict with the by-laws, Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of meetings.
- b.) **MEETINGS:** The Commission shall meet at least ten (10) times a year and may

meet more often. Meetings shall be noticed, open to the public and minutes shall be kept. Minutes of the Commission shall be filed with *the* clerk to the Board of County Commissioners. Emergency meetings may be called by the chairman or by four members of the Commission. Meetings of the Commission will be staffed by County Administration. Seven members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

#### Section 5. WORK PROGRAM AND FUNDING.

Annually the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women shall adopt a Work Program for approval by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners may, at its discretion, appropriate funds for administrative expenses of the Commission on the Status of Women in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per year.

#### Section 6. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION.

The Commission shall have the following duties, function, powers and responsibilities:

- a.) To serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission, the County administration, the community, and all agencies and persons in Hillsborough County, Florida, in respect to all matters pertaining to the status of women, including but not limited to discrimination against women, employment of women, education of women, establishment of day care centers in the community, and attitudes towards women in the community, not including abortion, and to make periodic reports and recommendations to these bodies in respect to such matters.
- b.) To make a continuing study of all existing county institutions, facilities and services, and programs dealing with women or affecting women, and consider the future needs of this County in respect to such institutions, facilities, services and programs.
- c.) To serve as liaison between the County Commission and the County administration, and consult with representatives of said bodies from time to time as requested and necessary in order to carry out the commission's duties and functions.
- d.) To make studies and have studies made of the problems of discrimination against women employees, increasing the availability of part-time employment for women, establishment of day care centers in the community, and attributable changes towards women in the community and to formulate and recommend plans and programs for the coordination of the activities of all governmental entities and non-governmental agencies dealing with these problems.

- e.) It is the express purpose of this commission to serve as a medium for responsible persons to utilize and consult with in attempting to understand and solve the many complex problems involved with dealing with the status of women, and to make findings and recommendations to the County Commission and the County administration regarding such matters as are presented to the commission.
- f.) To perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to it by the Board of County Commissions.

Section 7 LIMITATION OF POWERS.

The powers and jurisdiction of the commission shall be purely advisory, voluntary, and persuasive. The commission shall not have any power or authority to subpoena or compel the attendance of witnesses. The commission shall have no power to appoint county officers or employees or to make policy decisions, or to manage, control or administer institutions or programs relating to the status of women in Hillsborough County.

Section 8 EFFECTIVE DATE.

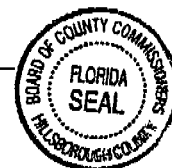
This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH**

I, Richard Ake, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board at its regular meeting of April 16, 2003, as the same appears of record in Minute Book 323 of the Public Records of Hillsborough County, Florida.

RICHARD AKE, CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By: Michael K. Deim  
Deputy Clerk



APPROVED BY COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: Catherine Meteli  
Assistant County Attorney