WHEREAS, measures that contribute to family security and strengthen home life will advance the welfare of our state; and

WHEREAS, the most efficient and effective utilization of the skills of all persons promotes our economy; and

WHEREAS, in every period of emergency women have served with distinction in widely varied capacities; and

WHEREAS, women should be assured the opportunity to develop their capacities and fulfill their aspirations on a continuing basis; and

WHEREAS, there is need for a Commission charged with the responsibility for developing recommendations for new and expanded services to enable women to continue their role as wives and mothers while making a maximum contribution to the world around them, and for developing recommendations for overcoming any unequal policies and practices in employment, political or civil rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Texas by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, it is ordered as follows:

PART I

Section 101. There is hereby established the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, referred to herein as the "Commission."

Section 102. The Commission shall be composed of members appointed by the Governor from among persons with a competency in the area of public affairs and women's activities. In addition, the Governor shall designate from among the membership a Chairman, and any Vice-Chairmen he may deem appropriate.
Section 103. The Commission shall meet at the call of the Chairman.

Section 104. The Commission is authorized to use the services of consultants and experts as may be found necessary.

PART II

Section 201. The Commission shall explore in depth and make recommendations as needed for constructive action in the following areas:

(a) The broad scope of educational needs for women with emphasis on vocational training and the special educational needs.

(b) New and expanded services for women in the home and in the community to assist them in making their maximum contribution to the general welfare of their families and communities.

(c) Employment policies and practices affecting women including those of cities, counties and state government, and ways of achieving equal opportunity for employment and advancement and full utilization of the talent and skill of the entire work force.

(d) State labor laws applicable to women including examination of the effects of current laws to determine whether they are accomplishing the purposes for which they were designed.

(e) The legal treatment of women in regard to political and civil rights, property rights, and family relations.

Section 202. The Commission shall file annual reports, with its first report being submitted not later than twelve months from the date hereof and may file interim reports as it deems appropriate.

Section 203. All executive and administrative departments and agencies are requested to cooperate with the Commission in the performance of its duties.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have herewith subscribed my official signature and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Texas this 3rd day of January 1967.

John Connally  
Governor of Texas

ATTEST:

John Hill  
Secretary of State