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STEUART PITTMAN County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 64

TO CREATE THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

WHEREAS, the County Executive is committed to the goals of services and equal opportunities for women; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is committed to the goal of ensuring that County government complies with all federal, State, and local laws protecting and ensuring equal rights for women and other issues of significance to women; and

WHEREAS, a body of citizens with knowledge of the full range of issues affecting women is critical to providing the County Executive and others with advice and recommendations regarding issues of significance to women.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steuart Pittman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, hereby order and direct on this <u>17th</u>day of July, 2024, as follows:

- 1. Executive Order No. 17, issued by former County Executive Steven R. Schuh, dated April 19, 2016, is hereby rescinded.
- 2. The Anne Arundel County Commission for Women is created.
- 3. The Commission shall meet as frequently as necessary to perform its duties and responsibilities under this Executive Order, but no less than quarterly.
- The Commission shall consist of nineteen (19) members who shall be Anne Arundel County residents appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the County Executive.

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- 5. Each member shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years and shall not serve more than four (4) consecutive terms. A member whose term has expired shall serve until a successor is appointed. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive and may be removed at any time, with or without cause. Members shall be considered removed for cause if they miss more than one-half of the meetings held during a twelve (12) month period.
- 6. The County Executive shall appoint a member as Chair. The Chair shall: preside at all the meetings of the Commission; meet as requested with the County Executive and other County representatives; provide information on the Commission; represent the Commission at all relevant meetings and functions; oversee preparation of the reports to the County Executive; enforce compliance with this Executive Order, the Maryland Open Meetings Act, and the County Code.
- 7. The duties and responsibilities of the Commission shall be to:
 - A. Advise the County Executive on issues of significance to women;
- B. Cooperate with the County Executive, governmental agencies, and private industry in programs beneficial to women;
- C. Provide recommendations to solving problems of particular concerns to women through community outreach and education;
 - D. Increase community awareness of women's opportunities and problems;
 - E. Act as a resource and advocacy group to promote equal rights for women; and
 - F. Promote political, economic, and social equality for women.
- 8. The Commission shall submit an annual report to the County Executive that sets forth the status of issues of significance to women, including services and programs for women in the County, and recommendations for funding and more effectively addressing issues of significance to women.
- 9. The Commission shall meet annually with the County Executive, or their designee

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law and remain in existence until altered or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Gregory J. Swain County Attorney