

## **CHAPTER 230 WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

### **230-1. Creation**

There is hereby established the Monroe County Women's Commission pursuant to Monroe County's Home Rule Authority (IC 36-1-3).

### **230-2. Membership and Terms**

The Commission shall have seven (7) voting members who shall represent diverse backgrounds and interests, including, but not limited to, women's affairs, gender studies, education at all levels, non-profit development, healthcare, the justice system and the arts. Members of the Women's Commission shall be representative of the community and shall be Monroe County residents. Strong preference shall be given to persons living outside the corporate limits of the City of Bloomington, and to those with expertise or demonstrated interest in County government. The members shall be appointed as follows:

**(A)** Four (4) citizen members chosen by the County Board of Commissioners.

**(B)** Three (3) citizen members chosen by the County Council.

**(C)** One (1) ex-officio member from the County Board of Commissioners or an employee of Monroe County chosen by the Board of Commissioners.

**(D)** One (1) ex-officio member from the County Council or an employee of Monroe County chosen by the County Council.

### **230-3. Duties**

**(A)** The Commission shall serve in an advisory role to assist residents, businesses, and the government of Monroe County in addressing issues of gender inequity in all aspects of society, including government, the economy, education, employment, social and family development, healthcare, the justice system, the arts, as well as land use and planning. The Commission may conduct research and disseminate information. The Commission may undertake specific initiatives assigned to it by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners and/or the Monroe County Council.

**(B)** The Commission may seek approval from the Monroe County Board of Commissioners to undertake other duties and may proceed to perform such duties when specifically directed to do so by the Board of Commissioners.

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