

Proposal: Create the Tallahassee/Leon County Commission on the Status of Women
(hereinafter referred to as "Commission")

- 15 Commissioners, appointed as follows: AA
 - 7 by County Commissioners (1 each)
 - 5 by City Commissioners (1 each)
 - 3 by the Commission itself
- Diversity, in all of its forms, is essential to a successful Commission. We anticipate Commissioners being appointed who represent:
 - Universities/Colleges
 - Business community
 - Government
 - Education
 - Human Services
 - Military
 - Administrative Professionals
 - Legal
 - Other
- Commissioners will serve 2 year terms;
- Commission staffing provided by The Oasis Center for Women & Girls (organizing, administrative, facilitation, liaison/communication with the City and County Commissions)
- Year One – Oasis works with the City & County Commissioners to select inaugural Commissioners;
 - Establish calendar of meetings; all administrative staffing.
 - Commission develops the mission, organizational structure and 2-3 goals for year two.
 - Commission elects 3 remaining Commissioner positions and a Chairperson.
- Signature Event – Women's History Month (March)
 - Organized community wide calendar of events
- Possible Research Ideas – Status of women in education; in employment; in political service; review of census data on women when it becomes available; review of women and poverty.

The *Jacksonville* Mayors Commission's purpose is to develop a public consciousness of the talents of women, regardless of race, color or creed, as equal partners in the private, business and civic community; to encourage women to become actively involved in matters pertaining to the community; to work toward utilization of capable women in roles of leadership; and to serve as a source of information for women on legal and human rights, economic equality, health, and discrimination. The commission develops public awareness of the talents of

women, encourages women to become actively involved in community leadership and acts as a resource for women in the areas of education and employment.

The *North Miami Beach* Commission on the Status of Women serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council, the City administration, and the community with respect to matters pertaining to the status of women, including, but not limited to discrimination against women, employment of women, education of women, and the establishment of day care centers in the community.

The *Gainesville Commission* on the Status of Women serves as an advisory board and to advocate on behalf of women in the community. The mission is to seek for every woman and girl dignity and opportunities equal to her potential, respecting diversity in ability, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity, creed, and age.

Other communities in Florida that have a Commission:

Brevard County Commission on the Status of Women
Broward County Commission on the Status of Women/Human Services
Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women, Inc.
Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women
Jacksonville Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women
City of Miami Commission on the Status of Women
City of Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women
City of North Miami Beach Commission on the Status of Women
City of South Miami Commission on the Status of Women
Manatee County Commission on the Status of Women
Miami-Dade County Commission for Women
Miami Gardens Commission for Women
Monroe County Commission on the Status of Women
Sarasota County Commission on the Status of Women

BUDGET:

\$20,000 (\$10,000 each Commission). Use: \$15,000 to Oasis for administration/facilitation & \$5,000 for printing/advertising/women's history month celebration)