

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH SHALL BE NAMED THE TALLAHASSEE-LEON COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS AND WHICH SHALL OPERATE AND FUNCTION AS A DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the “Board”), and the City of Tallahassee Commission (the “Commission”) recognizes and acknowledges the importance of public involvement and input in County and City governments; and

WHEREAS, women and girls make up more than half of the population in Tallahassee/Leon County; and

WHEREAS, while there has been significant progress made, there is still work to be done before women and girls achieve economic, education, and employment parity; and

WHEREAS, we must understand the current challenges that face our female citizens in order to best equip women and girls with the knowledge, skills, and equal access to reach for the promise of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, in order for the Board and the Commission to consider the input of the public in the matter of the status of women and girls in the community, including, but not limited to discrimination, disparate experiences of diverse women and girls, employment, education, services, health, economic security, access to justice, freedom from violence and more, the Board and Commission wish to establish and appoint an advisory committee to function and operate in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, “Board-Appointed Advisory Committees: Establishment, Appointment, Function, Operation, and Dissolution” (“Board-Appointed Advisory Committees”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEON COUNTY AND CITY COMMISSION OF TALLAHASSEE,
that:

1. The Board and the Commission hereby establish an advisory committee, to be named the Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls (the “Committee”), for the purpose of promoting matters pertaining to the status of women and girls in Tallahassee, Leon County.

2. The Committee shall function and operate as a Decision Making Committee in accordance with Board Policy No. 03-15, “Board-Appointed Advisory Committees.”

3. The Committee shall have as its goal the promotion of awareness on issues that affect women and girls in the community, including, but not limited to discrimination, disparate experiences of diverse women and girls, employment, education, services, health, economic security, access to justice, freedom from violence, and more.

4. The Committee shall be charged with the responsibility of providing input and recommendations to the Board and the Commission, as needed, on approaches with which to address issues affecting women and girls in Tallahassee, Leon County.

5. The Committee shall provide an annual written report to the Board and the Commission.

6. The Committee shall have twenty-one (21) members to be appointed as follows:

- a. Seven (7) shall be appointed by the Board. Each County Commissioner shall appoint one (1) member.
- b. Seven (7) shall be appointed by the Commission. The Mayor and each commissioner shall appoint one (1) member; the remaining two (2) appointments shall be made by the full Commission.
- c. Seven (7) members shall be appointed by the Committee and ratified by the Board and the Commission.

- d. Each member shall serve a two-year term; however, the following committee appointments shall be made for an initial term of one (1) year: County Commission Districts 1, 3 and 5; City Commission Seats 2, and 4, and a full Commission appointment; and four appointments by the Committee. After the initial appointments, all terms shall be for two (2) years.
7. The members of the Committee shall not be subject to full and public disclosure of financial interests.
8. Member of the Committee appointed by the Board may not serve more than three consecutive terms.
9. The Committee shall be assisted by the staff of The Oasis Center for Women & Girls, Inc. pursuant to a separate agreement with Leon County and the City of Tallahassee.
10. The Committee shall be dissolved only upon direction of the Board and the Commission.
11. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DONE, ADOPTED, AND PASSED by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 2013 and by the City of Tallahassee Commission this ____ day of _____, 2013.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTESTED BY:

BY: _____
Bob Inzer
Clerk of the Circuit Court

BY: _____
Nicholas Maddox, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Leon County Attorney's Office
Leon County, Florida

BY: _____
Herbert W. A. Thiele
County Attorney

CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ATTESTED BY:
City Clerk of Tallahassee, Florida

BY: _____

BY: _____
John Marks, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
City of Tallahassee Attorney's Office

BY: _____