



## **GOVERNOR WHITMER'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN HER FIRST 6 WEEKS IN OFFICE**

### **KEY THEMES**

**Building Bridges** – Governor Whitmer is ready to get to work solving problems for the people of Michigan, and she'll work with everyone who wants to get it done. That's why she's held regular quadrant meetings with Sen. Shirkey, Sen. Ananich, Rep. Chatfield, and Rep. Greig and will continue to do so throughout her administration. Governor Whitmer has received bipartisan support on several executive orders and directives. SBAM President and former Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley came out in support of her executive directive to expand opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses, and her executive order to create the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy has the support of Former Congresswoman Candice Miller and Snyder DEQ Director Heidi Grether.

**Boosting morale in state government** – Morale is low among state employees in Michigan. That's why Governor Whitmer made sure to tour every state department before her state of the state address and listen to our state employees discuss what they want the governor to focus on. Governor Whitmer also signed Executive Directive 2019-1 on her first day in office to ensure all state employees have a voice and are listened to by their department leaders.

**Making state government more open, transparent and accountable** – Governor Whitmer believes the sun should shine equally on all branches of state government. That's why she's signed seven executive directives to strengthen FOIA and make government more transparent. She's also ready to work with the legislature to expand FOIA to the governor's office and the legislature.

**Building a stronger Michigan for everyone** – Governor Whitmer is committed to building a more open, inclusive Michigan for everyone. Just one week into her administration, she signed an executive directive to ban discrimination in state government based on race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, and more. She also signed an executive directive to secure equal pay for equal work, because right now, Michigan women make only 78 cents for every dollar a man makes, and women of color make even less.



## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVES**

### **Executive Directive 2019 - 01 - Protecting Public Health, Safety, and Welfare**

- Department employees who become aware of an imminent threat to the public health, safety, or welfare must immediately report it to their department director or agency head.

### **Executive Directives 2019 - 02-07 - Assuring a Good, Ethical State Government**

- Prohibit soliciting or receiving political contributions in state facilities.
- Require the reporting of irregularities relating to public money or public property.
- Prohibit the use of private email to conduct state business.

### **Executive Directive 2019 - 08 - Encouraging Expanded Business Opportunities for Geographically-Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Michigan**

- The Department of Technology, Management, and Budget (DTMB) must work with other state departments, agencies, and organizations representing small businesses to identify and reduce barriers for geographically-disadvantaged businesses by increasing purchases from and contracts with them.

### **Executive Directive 2019 - 09 - Strengthening Non-Discrimination Protections in State Employment, Services**

- Extends prohibitions on discrimination to include discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.
- Requires all recipients of state contracts, grants and loans to extend protections to their employees.

### **Executive Directive 2019 - 10 - Securing Equal Pay for Equal Work**

- Prohibits state agencies and departments from inquiring about a job applicant's current or previous salaries until a conditional offer of employment, including proposed compensation, is made.
- Prohibits retrieval of the same information by searching public records or databases.

### **Executive Directive 2019 - 11 - Encouraging Transparency in State Government**

- Expands the reach and effectiveness of the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act to create a more transparent state government



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## **Executive Directive 2019 - 12 - Responding to Climate Change**

- Enters Michigan into the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of governors from 19 other states that have committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

## **EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

### **Executive Order 2019-01 - Declaration of State of Emergency Across the State of Michigan**

### **Executive Order 2019-02 - Reorganizing the Department of Environmental Quality**

- Restructures the Department of Environmental Quality as the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).
- Creates new offices within the department, including the Office of the Clean Water Public Advocate, the Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate, and the Interagency Environmental Justice Response Team.
- Creates a new office of climate and energy that will work with the governor to mitigate the impacts of climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and embrace more sustainable energy solutions.

### **Executive Order 2019-03 - Strengthening the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team**

- Establishes MPART as an established, enduring body to address the threat of PFAS contamination in Michigan, protect public health, and ensure the safety of Michigan's land, air, and water, while facilitating inter-agency coordination, increasing transparency, and requiring clear standards to ensure accountability.

### **Executive Order 2019-04 - Declaration of State of Emergency for the City of Grand Rapids**



## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Dan Scripps** – Michigan Public Service Commission

**Doug Ross** - Michigan Prosperity

**Norman Shinkle** – Board of State Canvassers

**Julie Matuzak** – Board of State Canvassers

**David DeGraw** - Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates

**Michael Heck** - Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates

**Philip Della Santina** - Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates

**Emil Louis Ognisanti** - Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates

**Luke McMurray** - Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates

**Chris Slater** - Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates

**David Grunewald** - Workers' Compensation Board of Magistrates