



# The Empowerment Project

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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## A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

Last week, my office proudly joined March for Life as they announced the 2024 theme as "Pro-life: with every woman, for every child." This is significant because it affirms and reminds women that they are not alone on their journey to motherhood, whatever their circumstances.

In Mississippi, we are seeing the immense impact of empowering women with love and support before and after pregnancy. It has been a little over a month since we launched the MAMA program, and already, we have been able to reach 4,000 visitors looking for support finding childcare, food benefits, emergency housing, and financial aid for higher education.

It is my hope and prayer that states across the nation will join us in empowering families of all phases and stages with programs like MAMA. For more information on how you can get involved, visit our **Empowerment Project** page or email us at [empowermentproject@ago.ms.gov](mailto:empowermentproject@ago.ms.gov).

May God Bless You,



## WHAT WE'RE READING

### **Town Hall: March for Life Sets Its Sights on 2024**

*By: Madeline Leesman*

“In the Mississippi *Dobbs* case, we asked the Supreme Court to return the issue of abortion to the states, for the people, through their leaders, to decide how to best promote the dignity of life and support mothers and children. And when the Supreme Court did just that, it became incumbent on all of us to find ways to match the compassion in our hearts with the compassion in justice in our

laws,' Mississippi Deputy Attorney General Whitney Lipscomb said at the conference. In 2021, Attorney General Lynn Fitch defended the state's 15-week ban on abortion. The case made its way to the Supreme Court, which resulted in the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*."

**Newsweek Opinion: Even Wealth and Fame Don't Save Women  
From Abortion Pressure**

*By: Ashley McGuire and Leigh Fitzpatrick Snead*

"How do we enact laws that protect women and babies while also alleviating the very real pressures women feel to abort?"

"Lynn Fitch, the attorney general for Mississippi who led her state's case before the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*, has an answer.

"Her office administers a recently launched program called Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance (MAMA). MAMA provides access to resources for 'health care, food and clothing, safety and shelter, jobs and job training, education, childcare, and much more' for mothers and for women expecting a baby. It's the latest thing to come out of Fitch's 'Empowerment Project,' a broader initiative to empower moms and families in a post-*Roe v. Wade* era."

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Yesterday, my team joined [@March\\_for\\_Life](#) in announcing their 2024 theme: "Pro-life: with every woman for every child." Sharing the stage with Deputy Attorney General Whitney Lipscomb was Jean Marie Davis, a human trafficking survivor who started the road to recovery 9 years ago at a pregnancy resource center – a center she now runs for other moms in need. Her powerful story and countless others are what drive us to seek out new ways to come alongside women in their journey to motherhood.



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## **ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS**

**[Desoto County News: Fitch Joins Lawsuits Against Meta for](#)**

## Harming Youth Mental Health

“The mental health epidemic facing our youth is alarming, but not puzzling,” **said Fitch**. “Meta has been conducting a social experiment on our children’s developing brains, knowing they were causing damage, and refusing to make changes to mitigate that damage. While we may not know the impact of this experiment for decades, we know now that our children are suffering higher levels of depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, and self-harm. You cannot reap profits off America’s children without being held accountable.”

## WTOK: Mississippi Attorney General Announces Arrests for Sexual Exploitation of Minors

“Children’s online presence has opened a whole new door for predators to meet and exploit children, and our Cyber Crime Division is proactively working to find and stop predators before they have a chance to do more harm. I am grateful for our partners in law enforcement who work closely with my team and generously lend their officers, tools and expertise to protect our children online, not just on this operation, but throughout the year. In addition to serving justice, it is my hope that this operation will serve as an important reminder to families that your children’s personal safety can be compromised under your own roof. Be aware of the risks facing your children online and take the necessary precautions to protect your children,” **said General Fitch**.

## DarkHorse Press: 18 Victims Saved In Attorney General’s Human Trafficking Ops Last Month

“Through operations like these, we are doing more than capturing predators,” **said Fitch**. “We are offering victims the bright beacon of hope and truth. Each and every one of these individuals is worthy of freedom and dignity, and there are countless men and women across the state dedicated to fighting for them. Today, we celebrate the pathway to freedom these 18 individuals have started to walk, but more importantly, we reaffirm our resolve to find and rescue those still trapped. My message for human trafficking victims is this: we will not give up on you.”

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