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A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

This month, we celebrate the second anniversary of <u>Mississippi Access to Maternal Assistance (MAMA)</u>, a free website and mobile app that connects pregnant women and mothers to private, public, and faith-based resources across the state. In three clicks or less, a mother can be connected with the resources she needs. Since launching the website in October 2023, over 27,000 individuals have visited the MAMA site for a total of 88,000 hits, and over 1,000 users have downloaded the app since its launch in January 2024.

Our state is blessed with countless resources, but it can be challenging to navigate while also adjusting to a changing family. MAMA is just one of the ways that Mississippi is helping to stand in the gap to both empower women and promote life. We care about their wellbeing and success and want to see their families flourish.

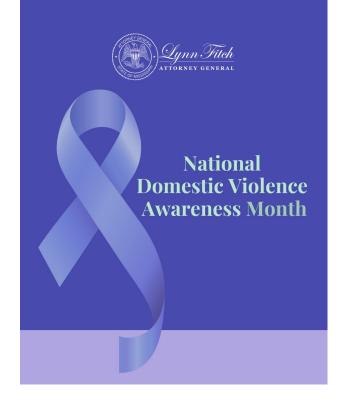
In 2023, I worked with the Mississippi State Legislature to establish MAMA (SB 2781). It is a key component of <u>The Empowerment Project</u>, my initiative to empower women and their children everywhere. Since launching The Empowerment Project, the Mississippi Legislature has passed more than a dozen of the Project's priorities. I look forward to the 2026 Legislative Session to continue our work supporting families across our State.

My office has received emails from women across Mississippi and connected them with the assistance they needed. To find resources near you, visit www.mama.ms.gov or download MAMA.MS.GOV in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. And you can reach out to my office using the contact feature.

Our families deserve to be safe, healthy, and strong, and I am dedicated to strengthening Mississippi families for generations to come.

May God Bless You,

Lynn Julch



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If you or someone you know is experiencing an abusive relationship, MAMA is here to help. To access emergency shelter, connect with a counselor near you, or find support services, visit <u>MAMA.MS.GOV</u>. And remember, you are not alone!



WHAT WE'RE READING

<u>SuperTalk - Health department urges screenings during Breast</u> <u>Cancer Awareness Month</u>

According to the Mississippi State Department of Health, approximately 400 women in Mississippi die from breast cancer each year. This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Mississippi Department of Health is hosting various events to encourage breast cancer screenings among women. These events include things such as a free mammography and cervical screenings and a weekly webinar series.

<u>Fox News - How Mississippi turned around its schools — and became America's education miracle</u>

Mississippi has experienced a drastic shift in its education results. Known as the Mississippi Miracle, this turnaround has seen Mississippi's early literacy rankings rise from 50th in the nation for 4th grade reading scores in 2005 to landing in the top 10 in 2024.

FITCH IN THE NEWS



Action 5 News - Two-day human trafficking operation nets 5 rescues in Oxford

Last month, Attorney General Lynn Fitch announced the completion of a two-day operation conducted in Oxford, Mississippi and led by her Human Trafficking Task Force. Operation Fins Up resulted in seven arrests and the recovery of five human trafficking victims. An Immigration Detainer has been placed on one of the suspects by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) pending release from state charges.

WAPT - Mississippi Launches New Push to Stop Fentanyl Deaths

Attorney General Lynn Fitch is launching a new campaign to fight fentanyl overdoses across Mississippi, highlighting the devastating impact the drug has on families.

Fitch's office on Tuesday released a series of testimonial videos from people who have lost loved ones to fentanyl as part of the One Pill Can Kill initiative. The campaign aims to educate families about the dangers of fentanyl, how to recognize it, and what to do in the event of an overdose.

Magee News - AG Fitch Leads 26-AG Coalition, Urging Senate to **Prevent Government Shutdown**

Attorney General Lynn Fitch led a coalition of 26 Attorneys General urging the United States Senate to pass a short-term continuing resolution and avoid a government shutdown.

"Instead of coming to the table with practical solutions, Democrats are playing a political game that threatens federal operations, national security, and vital services that millions of Americans rely on," said Attorney General Lynn **Fitch.** "They are taking risky chances with the safety and wellbeing of the American people for a hyper-partisan agenda. We urge Senate Democrats to do the responsible thing and pass a clean, commonsense funding extension right away."

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