

# *Our Voice*

## MONTHLY

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A MESSAGE FROM  
MISSISSIPPI ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Lynn Fitch*



### ***A Message from Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch***

*This National Adoption Month, we celebrate the families made complete by adoption. I am proud that as of this month, our office has legally cleared over 600 children in foster care for adoption in 2025. While this milestone is exciting, we also recognize that too many children are still waiting for their forever homes. That's why we are committed to streamlining and improving foster care and adoption systems as a key pillar of The Empowerment Project, a five-pillar policy initiative to empower women and ensure that they have the tools, resources, and opportunities that empower them.*

*The road to a forever home can be a long and emotional journey for both the child and the foster family, and I am grateful for the support of the Mississippi legislature in passing many of our legislative goals to improve Mississippi's foster care and adoption systems. In the coming weeks, the Attorney General's Office will unveil our full 2026 legislative agenda to continue our work supporting families across our State, and I look forward to continuing our mission in the 2026 legislative session.*

*Together, we can work to ensure that each Mississippi child grows up knowing they are valued and loved. Every life has purpose, and every story matters. If you are interested in learning more about adoption and other life-affirming options, you can find resources available to you [here](#).*

**May God Bless You,**



## Mark Your Calendars

The Attorney General's Office will host our annual Crime Victims Christmas Tree Dedication to honor the Mississippians who have fallen victim to crime. Our office is dedicated to walking alongside crime victims to help them find peace, hope, comfort, and dignity and I hope that you can join us in showing survivors and victims' families that they are not alone during this holiday season.

### ***AG Fitch in the News***

#### **WLOX - Mississippi AG discusses efforts to combat human trafficking and child abuse**

**Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch** discussed the state's efforts to combat child abuse and human trafficking, and detailed credit card skimming warnings during a visit to the Coast.

##### *Child Abuse:*

"Many of them have been abused, many of them have been neglected, they are trusting these adults, and these adults can't take care of them," **Fitch** said. "They're looking for everyone who was attending that conference [the Children Advocacy Centers' conference] to step in and help them to provide some type of security, some consistency for those children."

##### *Human Trafficking:*

“Not one of those individuals said I’d like to be part of a human trafficking ring,” **Fitch** said. “We’re saying to those traffickers, ‘You’re not going to take advantage of our people in our state.’ And if you do, we’re going to go after you.”

### **DeSoto County News - Judge strikes down Biden Administration rule on gender identity in healthcare**

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi ruled that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) exceeded its authority. The decision is a victory for a 15-state coalition, led by **Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch** and Tennessee Attorney General Jonathan Skrmetti, which filed the lawsuit.

The states argued the rule would have unlawfully coerced healthcare providers into performing gender-transition procedures or prescribing related drugs, even if it violated their medical judgment.

“The Biden administration attempted to import its radical theories on gender identity into ObamaCare, forcing healthcare providers to perform surgeries or prescribe drugs even if it violated their best medical judgment,” **Fitch** said in a statement. “I am proud to stand with my colleagues from across the country as we fight to undo the Biden administration’s extremist political agenda.”

### **WXXV - How to protect yourself against card skimming**

Criminals are using card readers and other devices to steal data from debit, credit, and ATM cards at gas pumps and ATM machines. The thieves can even steal pin numbers. This cybercrime is called skimming.

**Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch** is protecting businesses and consumers from fraud with a campaign called ‘Stop the Skim.’ **AG Fitch** is here to tell us about this criminal activity.

### **DeSoto County News - Ex-Sub teacher from Southaven sentenced for sexual battery, child exploitation**

“Exploiting children that you are responsible to care for is a serious violation of trust,” **Fitch** said in a statement. “I am grateful to my team for their hard work investigating and prosecuting this predator, as well as the FBI for their partnership on this case.”



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