



The Empowerment Project

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

Earlier this week, I was honored to speak at the Pontifical Gregorian University on the 25th anniversary of the Palermo Protocol, which was established to prevent, suppress and punish the trafficking of persons, especially women and children. Along with partners like U.S. Attorney General Pam Bondi, Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche, FBI Co-Deputy Director Andrew Bailey, and many of my Attorney General colleagues from across the country, we are fighting back against the multi-billion-dollar worldwide human trafficking criminal enterprise. You can see my remarks [HERE](#).

People likely see human trafficking around them, but do not even realize it. I launched my **Be The Solution** initiative shortly after I took office to empower Mississippians to know the signs of trafficking and how to report it when they see it. Those tips are vital to efforts by law enforcement and prosecutors like those in my office to disrupt trafficking operations, put the traffickers behind bars, and start victims on the road to recovery. Earlier this year, my office announced that Mississippi would be the first state to roll out the **Simply Report** platform so that citizens can report human trafficking directly to law enforcement. As I told the conference attendees this week, it takes all of us working together to eradicate human trafficking. And I am grateful to the Church and faith-based communities for stepping up to be a part of this effort.



While in Rome, I presented a Papal gift recognizing the Mississippi Dobbs Case to H.E. Archbishop Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo, who later delivered it to Pope Leo XIV.

May God Bless You,

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Diaper Bank of the Delta helps meet the essential needs of children and mothers across Mississippi by providing emergency baby supplies. It is one of the many resources that you can find on <http://MAMA.MS.GOV>.

WHAT WE'RE READING



AP News - Melania Trump launches new 'Fostering the Future' effort to support foster youth with jobs, school

First lady Melania Trump is spearheading a new initiative aimed at improving career and education opportunities for children raised in foster care.

Her husband, President Donald Trump, signed an executive order Thursday that creates a “Fostering the Future” program that brings together federal entities, nonprofits, educational institutions and the private sector to develop those opportunities for foster youth.

The order also creates an online hub that would help foster youth connect with key career and educational resources, while increasing access to vouchers and grants to support them in those efforts.

Magnolia Tribune - Mississippi making strides to improve outcomes for vulnerable women, children

In addition, the AG’s Office is working with CPS to find Mississippi’s foster children new homes. [Deputy Attorney General Doug] Miracle said his understanding is that CPS currently has 18 counties in a foster care pilot program, and preliminary data indicate that this pilot program can provide a groundbreaking model for moving children through the foster care system.

“While CPS only assigned five of those 18 counties to the Attorney General’s Office, our experienced team of attorneys and paralegals also continued to pursue termination of parental rights (TPR) in the other 64 counties not included in the CPS pilot program,” he said.

As of last week, the AG’s Office legally freed 616 children for adoption in 2025, exceeding its 2024 total of 596 children.

“There is no question that children move along the pathway to their forever home more quickly when we have consistent legal representation starting at the shelter hearing and continuing throughout the custody process,” Miracle said.



ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

WAPT - Christmas tree honors victims of violent crime

Attorney General Lynn Fitch gathered with a group of Mississippians on

Tuesday morning to honor lost loved ones. The ceremony was held at The Walter Sillers building on High Street in downtown Jackson.

A special Christmas tree was dedicated to the families of homicide victims and victims of other crimes throughout the state. Attendees put special ornaments with pictures of lost loved ones on the tree.

WJTV - Hattiesburg man sentenced to 90 years for child exploitation

A Hattiesburg man was sentenced to 90 years in prison for child exploitation. **Attorney General Lynn Fitch** announced Erret Jae James, Jr., was found guilty on one count of distribution of child sexual exploitation material and two counts of possession of child sexual exploitation material.

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.

On Child Abuse: "Many of them [children] 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 to step in and help them to provide some type of security, some consistency for those children."

The Daily Leader - AG partners with Boy Scouts to raise opioid danger awareness

Attorney General Lynn Fitch, in collaboration with the Andrew Jackson Council of the Boy Scouts of America, hosted Scout Out Opioids, a program to raise awareness with Scouts and their families of the dangers of opioids and offer techniques for reducing opioid abuse and misuse for them and their loved ones.

Supertalk - Mississippi attorney general announces second phase of robocall crackdown

Mississippi **Attorney General Lynn Fitch** announced Tuesday the launch of Phase 2 of Operation Robocall Roundup, a multistate initiative targeting major telecommunications providers accused of transmitting billions of suspected illegal robocalls across the country.

"Robocalls are not only annoying and disruptive to our everyday lives, but they are often used to perpetrate scams," **Fitch said.** "I am proud to join my colleagues as we protect not only Mississippians, but all Americans from these unsolicited calls and hold the companies that facilitate them accountable."

The Empowerment Project Newsletter will return in January 2026. On behalf of the Attorney General's Office, we wish you and your family all the blessings, peace, and joy of the holidays.



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