



The Empowerment Project

ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH

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A Note from AG Lynn Fitch

Yesterday, nearly 500 individuals from across Mississippi came together for a human trafficking summit hosted by my office. These were law enforcement officers, educators, business owners, and community leaders, all interested in learning how they can help put an end to human trafficking. We heard from panels of survivors about their journey to freedom, learned more about how to identify and report trafficking, and participated in a service project, creating Freedom Bags with essential items victims of human trafficking need.

The summit had a special focus on engaging the faith community in the fight to bring dignity and hope to those trapped in trafficking or on the road to recovery from it. We have curated an [Amazon Wishlist](#) that we hope church and other community groups will use to host their own Freedom Bag Project. And [our office can help](#) find the organizations who can use those Freedom Bags when they encounter victims.

We also asked faith leaders from around the State to share prayers that we hope will guide people tomorrow, the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Trafficking, and throughout the year. You can find those prayers and more information about the summit on our [website](#). This is a conversation that matters, and we all can make a difference by being a part of it.

May God Bless You,



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WHAT WE'RE READING

Fox19 - Infant dropped off at Delhi Township Baby Box

An infant was left in January at the Safe Haven Baby Box at the Delhi Township Fire Department.

Firefighters say they are immediately notified and trained on how to respond when a baby is placed in the temperature-controlled device.

The infant is now on track for placement in a loving, permanent home.

“This mother’s decision was selfless, an act of pure love,” said Monica Kelsey, founder and CEO of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, in a news release.

KSLA - Trucking school plans to transform at-risk youth

At-risk youth have a chance to learn trucking for free. Durham Trucking is bringing an opportunity to the community to help at-risk youth. It takes about four weeks to go through truck driving school. The owner of Durham Transport, Latronia Durham, says this is a game-changer for getting young adults off the street and into a truck.

“As far as your record or what you did yesterday or what you did last year. It doesn’t stop you from changing your life,” says Durham.



ATTORNEY GENERAL LYNN FITCH IN THE NEWS

American Family Association - Mobilizing Mississippians Against Human Trafficking

According to the website of **Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch**, under her leadership, there have been more than 60 human trafficking operations, over 600 law enforcement officers trained to combat trafficking, and more than 400 victims recovered. Yet despite these significant strides, the battle continues, and it is imperative for Mississippians to learn how they can actively participate in the fight against human trafficking.

On February 6, 2026, **Attorney General Lynn Fitch** will host a free Human Trafficking Summit at Pinelake Church Reservoir Campus from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to identify and report sex trafficking, hear survivor stories,

engage with individuals actively combating trafficking, and gain insights from those supporting survivors on their path to recovery.

More than 20 organizations that serve, prevent, respond to, and advocate against human trafficking will be on-site to connect with attendees and provide guidance on how to equip their communities.

WLBT - Ridgeland man sentenced for failing to pay past-due child support

A Ridgeland man has been sentenced for failing to pay thousands in past-due child support. **Attorney General Lynn Fitch** announced the sentencing on Tuesday. Corey Outland, 43, of Ridgeland, was given five years with time suspended and five years post-release supervision after failing to pay over \$31,000 in past-due child support, **Fitch** said. He was also ordered to pay full restitution in the amount of \$31,538.

Darkhorse Press - Attorney General urges support for legislation to address gang violence

Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch on Monday urged state lawmakers to pass two bills that would expand circuit court jurisdiction over certain firearm offenses by minors, stiffen penalties for transfers of stolen guns and create a new crime for firing a weapon into a group, renewing a long-running legislative focus on youth violence and gang involvement.

Fitch said HB 1165 and SB 2710, which are backed by the Mississippi Prosecutors Association, Mississippi Sheriffs' Association and Mississippi Association of Chiefs of Police, are intended to discourage gang recruitment of minors and give law enforcement "tools to confront gun violence," particularly in schools, churches and public places.

"There are more than 200 gangs in Mississippi, and they recruit minors to do a lot of their dirty work," **Fitch** said in a news release. "We are taking on this problem by making the penalty fit the crime... getting criminals off the streets."

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