

# Writing Her Story: Inspirational Hoosier Women

## Lt. Governor Becky Skillman



Indiana has a long and proud history of strong, smart women breaking new ground for future generations. Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has created her own path and shown young women that anything is

possible with hard work.

As the first woman elected as Lt. Governor in Indiana, Becky Skillman has served as a leader for the state in advancing Indiana's economic prosperity. Before her tenure as Lt. Governor, she served sixteen years as an elected official in Lawrence County and then for twelve years as an Indiana Senator.

Lt. Governor Skillman has worked tirelessly as a public servant for the State of Indiana for many years. One of her many accomplishments was writing and passing the legislation that created the Indiana Commission for Women with Senator Vi Simpson. "We wanted to ensure that women received all of the information that they needed to fully participate in every aspect of society." From the beginning, Lt. Governor Skillman approached the legislation as a collaborative, bi-partisan effort. "I've said so many times – most of the success we have in life, whether professionally or personally, is due to the strength of our relationships. I think the Indiana Commission for Women can be a great relationship building organization."

Skillman has helped lead the way for women's full participation in their communities. One way she had done this is through the creation of her *Advancing Hoosier Women in Business* seminar series that have been held in sixteen different communities across the state over the last four years. Women from all different stages

of life and experience have attended the events. She has been inspired to see how women rise to the challenge during very tough economic times. "The past two years have caused all of us to be more creative and innovate. I think women particularly fare very well when you are accustomed to improvising anyway."

Becky Skillman has become a role model for many Hoosier women, a role she takes very seriously. "You know you are sort of blazing a trail here and if it provides encouragement to other women that is exactly what I wanted to do."

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Skillman is quick to remind us that it's important to give back to others, but we also must make

time for ourselves. "You should give a lot of yourself, but you also have to take care of yourself and that has to occur one day at a time. Say no when you need to, so that when you say yes your heart is really in it."

Together we can help to move Indiana women forward. Women have an important role to play in our communities. You can get involved by:

- Volunteering
- Mentoring another woman
- Running for office
- Voting
- Learning more about the issues that affect women in Indiana.

Visit [www.in.gov/lg](http://www.in.gov/lg) to find out more about Lt. Governor Becky Skillman and the work she is doing around the state.

Go to [www.in.gov/icw](http://www.in.gov/icw) to learn more about the Indiana Commission for Women and their current initiatives.

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