



SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF ARIZONA



BETSEY BAYLESS

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REPUBLICAN

Betsey Bayless was appointed Secretary of State on September 9, 1997 by Governor Jane Dee Hull and took the oath of office on September 11, 1997.

A third-generation Arizonan, she was born in Phoenix. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Latin American Studies and Spanish from the University of Arizona in Tucson, where, as a Phi Beta Kappa, she received the Freeman Medal as outstanding graduate in 1966. In 1974, she earned her Master's in Public Administration at Arizona State University.

During 17 years with the State of Arizona, Ms. Bayless served as director of the Arizona Department of Administration, acting director of the Arizona Department of Revenue, and assistant director of the Arizona Board of Regents; vice president of Public Finance for Peacock, Hislop, Staley & Given, Inc. of Phoenix, investment bankers.

Ms. Bayless was appointed to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors in 1989 and was elected for two four-year terms in 1992 and 1996. She served as chairman of the Board in 1992 and 1994 and as vice-chair in 1997. She resigned from the Board before taking the oath of office as Secretary of State.

Community activities include serving on the national board of advisors, University of Arizona College of Business & Public Administration; advisory board, ASU West; board of directors of the Xavier College Preparatory Foundation; and board of directors, Arizona Center for the Book. She is a commissioner on the Governor's Commission on Violence Against Women; and a member of the Arizona Town Hall, Charter 100, Valley Leadership Class VI, Arizona Republican Caucus, and Arizona Women's Forum.

Honors and recognition include the 1995 Xavier College Preparatory Woman of Achievement Award; the Bureau of Reclamation's Citizen Award in January 1993, and the National Association of Counties' 1993 Achievement Award for reviving and successfully implementing the three-party Lake Pleasant Regional Park management agreement; the ASU College of Public Programs; Hall of Fame; the Distinguished Achievement Award from the National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship; the Capitol Chapter Business and Professional Women's "Woman of the Year" Award; and the Distinguished Citizen Award from the University of Arizona Alumni Association.