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**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

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*** ARIZONA SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK ***

[M06-289]

WHEREAS, it is vital that all be aware of the challenge of living with limited water resources, extreme heat, severe weather, and floods in our State; and

WHEREAS, the limited water resources may cause hardships and possible life threatening conditions in drought stricken areas in our State; and

WHEREAS, the extreme summer heat may cause life threatening conditions for those who work outdoors or take part in outdoor activities in our State; and

WHEREAS, the severe storms with damaging high wind and lightning threaten the safety of people who live and travel in our State; and

WHEREAS, the flood waters that inundate our land cause property damage and threaten the safety of the people in our State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has joined with the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, Department of Water Resources, Department of Health Services, the Salvation Army, the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross and the National Weather Service in recognizing the need for a broad public education on drought, extreme heat and severe weather in Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona do hereby proclaim June 18 through 24, 2006 as

*** ARIZONA SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK ***

throughout the State of Arizona, and respectfully urge the people, news media, educators and others to give their whole-hearted support to this worthy effort.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twentieth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

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*** AMYOTROPIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M06-290]

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis or ALS is better known as Lou Gehrig's disease; and

WHEREAS, ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horns of the spinal cord; and

WHEREAS, the initial symptom of ALS is weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities and as ALS progresses the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing; and

WHEREAS, ALS eventually causes muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic, ALS does not affect a patient's mental capacity the patient remains alert and aware of his or her loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

WHEREAS, ALS occurs in adulthood, most commonly between the ages of 40 and 70 years, with the peak age about 55 years, and affects men two to three times more often than women, over 5,000 new ALS patients are diagnosed annually, ALS has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure; and

WHEREAS, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis, research indicates the military veterans are at 50% or greater risk of developing ALS than those who have not served in the military; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on the patient but on his or her family as well, and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this horrible disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006 as

*** AMYOTROPIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this third day of May in the year Two Thousand Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M06-291]

WHEREAS, every 45 seconds someone in the United States experiences a stroke or brain attack, the third leading cause of death in America, killing 160,000 people annually; and

WHEREAS, stroke is a leading cause of adult disability. There are more than five million stroke survivors in the United States, with two-thirds living with moderate to severe disabilities and the United States spends more than \$52 billion in direct and indirect costs on stroke; and

WHEREAS, more than one-third of Americans cannot identify a single symptom of stroke which includes sudden trouble talking, walking, seeing, paralysis usually on one side of the body and sudden severe headache with no known cause and there is now a new, easy and F.A.S.T. stroke recognition system

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WHEREAS, more than a half a million strokes can be prevented year, yet many Americans don't discuss their stroke risks with their primary health care providers, public awareness of the risks and warning signs of a stroke is essential to prevention and early treatment

WHEREAS, Emergency treatment of stroke can save lives, reduce disability and even possibly reverse all impacts from the stroke; and

WHEREAS, National Stroke Association celebrates National Stroke Awareness Month in May and urges people to take charge of their health by asking their doctors about stroke risks and adopting healthy lifestyle habits to lower their risk;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006 as

*** NATIONAL STROKE AWARENESS MONTH ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this third day of May in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. ***

[M06-292]

WHEREAS, Arizona is home to over 978,000 older adults; and

WHEREAS, older Arizonans are entitled to live with dignity and independence, and to have choices about their lives; and

WHEREAS, older Arizonans are engaged and vital members of their communities and families; and

WHEREAS, coordinated efforts to provide support on issues as diverse as housing, transportation, and health care are essential to healthy aging and long-term living; and

WHEREAS, older Arizonans are among millions in America who are helping to create increasingly more lifestyle choices, including working and volunteering during what has traditionally been considered "retirement years;" and

WHEREAS, the aging population is growing and more generations than ever before are learning from older adults' life experiences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona do hereby proclaim the month of May 2006 as

*** OLDER AMERICANS MONTH. ***

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE 2006 ***

[M06-293]

WHEREAS, Memorial Day, holiday in the United States observed in late May. Previously designated Decoration Day, it was inaugurated in 1868 by General John A. Logan for the purpose of decorating the graves of Civil War Veterans and has since become a day on which all war dead are commemorated; and

WHEREAS, on this Memorial Day, Arizona citizens gather at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona to honor the sacrifices of those who made possible the lives we enjoy today, and to maintain family connections across generations of soldiers, marines, sailors, and airmen who have served in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, we express our profound sympathy and gratitude to the families who have lost loved ones in service to America and we acknowledge the debt we owe to those men and women who, because they so cherished peace, died in the defense of it; and

WHEREAS, in respect and recognition of these courageous men and women, all veterans of the U.S. Military Services, state and local government officials, educators, students, historians, and all patriotic citizens of this great state and nation are encouraged to observe Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim that a special observance will occur on Monday, May 29, 2006 at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, in honor of Memorial Day 2006.

*** ARIZONA MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE 2006 ***

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eleventh day of May in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty.

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE

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* NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY 2006 *

[M06-295]

WHEREAS, nationwide 13 million children live in poverty, compromising 35 percent of the country's impoverished population; and

WHEREAS, 312,966, or one in every five, Arizona children live in poverty, at-risk for going without food; and

WHEREAS, more than 574,000 Arizona children from low-income families participate in the National School Lunch Program; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary's/Westside Food Bank Alliance, the world's first food bank, the Community Food Bank, Desert Mission Food Bank, United Food Bank, Wilson-Batiz Borderland Food Bank, Yuma Community Food Bank and hundreds of other food banks across the country, join in the fight against hunger with America's Second Harvest—the nation's food bank network; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Arizona Food Bank members, their donors, and volunteers work to eliminate childhood hunger by providing food to partner agency sites throughout Arizona, which, in turn, feed neighbors in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 6, 2006 as

* NATIONAL HUNGER AWARENESS DAY 2006 *

and wish to thank and recognize all of the volunteers, donors, and staff who work to eliminate hunger at Arizona Food Banks every day of the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

* JUNETEENTH *

[M06-296]

WHEREAS, the United States of America is founded on the principles of freedom and justice for all and the Civil War was fought to ensure that this precious freedom was shared by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863 Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation which gave freedom to the slaves, although freedom did not become a reality for the slaves in Texas until June 19, 1865; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery and is a celebration of freedom and justice for all Americans, with a special emphasis on education, achievement and tolerance; and

WHEREAS, many communities across Arizona come together to celebrate Juneteenth as a day of freedom and enjoy a spirit of peace, tolerance, respect and brotherly love;

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona do hereby acknowledge the importance of

* **JUNETEENTH** *

in Arizona and encourage citizens everywhere to reflect upon the value of freedom, reaffirm the universal principle of justice for all, and join in Juneteenth celebrations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Eighteenth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

* **PHOENIX SUNS WEEK** *

WHEREAS, from the team's inception in 1968-69 to the present, the Phoenix Suns have provided Arizona with great play-ers, fond memories and awesome endings; and [M06-294]

WHEREAS, legends of the great sport of basketball produce an entertaining and exciting visual on the court while injecting a positive attitude into the community and have left a lasting legacy for today's talented team of champions; and

WHEREAS, the Suns beat both teams from Los Angeles, the Lakers and the Clippers in recent weeks; and nearly caused coronary conditions in fans statewide during the final 6.2 seconds of Game 6 in the Lakers series that became an overtime classic; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is proud of the discipline, talent, resiliency, drive and dedication of the Phoenix Suns and looking forward to more top performances by superstars during the remainder of the Western Conference Finals; and

WHEREAS, the Suns, who showcase some of the NBA's brightest stars of the present and past, are committed to the ultimate goal of bringing an NBA championship to our great State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona do hereby proclaim May 28th through June 3rd as

* **PHOENIX SUNS WEEK** *

and urge all citizens of Arizona to cheer on the team by wearing purple and orange and shouting: "GO SUNS!"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

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DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirtieth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Five and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State