

Governor's Executive Orders/Proclamations

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

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the full-text publication of all Executive Orders and Proclamations of General Applicability issued by the Governor. In addition, the *Register* shall include each statement filed by the Governor in granting a commutation, pardon or reprieve, or stay or suspension of execution where a sentence of death is imposed. With the exception of egregious errors, content (including spelling, grammar, and punctuation) of these orders has been reproduced as submitted.

* NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY *

[M08-89]

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives have experienced a long history of lower health status when compared with other Americans that includes a lower life expectancy and higher disease occurrence than other racial/ethnic groups due to inadequate health education, disproportionate poverty, and limited access to quality health care; and

WHEREAS, the spread of HIV/AIDS among American Indians and Alaska Natives poses a significant risk to public health and well-being of these communities, who have the third highest rate per 100,000 persons of AIDS diagnoses in 2005 of all the racial/ethnic groups despite having the smallest populations; and

WHEREAS, of all persons who had received a diagnosis of AIDS during 1997-2004, American Indians and Alaska Natives experienced the shortest length of survival after diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned rates and statistics are believed to be much higher than the current rates of infection and death which are under reported due to lack of access to medical diagnosis, misclassification, and/or overall poor reporting; and

WHEREAS, there is potential for a great increase of HIV/AIDS in American Indians and Alaska Native communities, as evidenced by several co-risk factors such as high rates of sexually transmitted disease in their communities, poverty, social stigma, high substance abuse rates; and

WHEREAS, the status of HIV/AIDS epidemic among American Indians and Alaska Natives is a public health crisis that requires a focused tribal and statewide effort to bring attention to the prevention needs of Arizona's American Indian/Alaska Native communities and to raise awareness of the citizens of Arizona on this issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona do hereby proclaim and support March 20, 2008, as

* NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY *

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 February in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

* MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK *

[M08-90]

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis is a debilitating and often progressive disease that usually attacks people without warning

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in their prime, from 20 to 40 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the disease can cause impaired or double vision, slurred speech, numbness, an unsteady gait, poor coordination, and unusual fatigue; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis is an unpredictable disease with no single precise symptom by which to diagnose, it affects more than a quarter million of our fellow citizens, and it has no cure; and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation is dedicated to improving the quality of life for those diagnosed with MS; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2008 The Bike MS: Round Up Ride 2008 celebrates a unity of cyclists and volunteers, determined to end the devastating effects of Multiple Sclerosis;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 24-30, 2008 as

*** MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS WEEK ***

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 twenty-first day of February in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** SAFE PLACE WEEK ***

[M08-92]

WHEREAS, today's youth, our most vital asset as a society, need a safe haven from various negative influences such as child abuse, substance abuse and crime, as well as resources readily available to assist them when faced with circumstances that compromise their safety; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Place Program is committed to protecting youth by offering short term 'safe places' at hundreds of neighborhood locations across the State of Arizona where trained volunteers are available to counsel and advise youth seeking assistance and guidance; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Place Program combines the efforts of the private sector and nonprofit organizations uniting to reach youth in the early stages of crisis; and

WHEREAS, through the efforts of Safe Place coordinators across the state in 2007, a minimum of 35,000 youth learned that Project Safe Place is a resource if faced with abusive or neglectful situations; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of the program's existence will encourage communities to establish Safe Places for the State's youth throughout Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 16 -22, 2008 as

*** SAFE PLACE WEEK ***

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

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Secretary of State

*** LADIES AUXILIARY VFW ***

[M08-93]

WHEREAS, this is the 94th year of volunteer service provided by the over 600,000 members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, who represent the families of those men and women who have sacrificed for America by protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW supports troops now serving in supports the troops currently deployed in the War on Terrorism; and

WHEREAS, year after year members honor those who have sacrificed in the previous wars by volunteering more than 2 million hours in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers; and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary VFW promotes our American heritage by conducting an annual patriotic ceremony and providing financial assistance for the preservation and beautification of one of this country's most treasured symbols of freedom, the Statue of Liberty; and

WHEREAS, the organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2008, the Ladies Auxiliary National President is visiting Arizona promoting this year's theme; **Tradition of Caring**;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby declare, March 14, 2008, as a special day to honor the National President and all members of the

*** LADIES AUXILIARY VFW ***

for their outstanding volunteer efforts to serve veterans and their families, the State of Arizona and our great country.

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

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*** TUCSON PEACEWALK DAY ***

[M08-91]

WHEREAS, we believe in many lands, many people, many faiths and one Arizona; and

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WHEREAS, faith communities in Tucson, Arizona are meeting together for peaceful and productive discussions in hope that harmonious relationships can help further understanding in our shared world; and

WHEREAS, to further promote a desire for peace and mutual respect, people of all faiths are sponsoring a "PeaceWalk" from the Islamic Center of Tucson to Ner Tamid at Water of Life Campus on March 2, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this walk recognizes the efforts of many Muslims, Jews, Christians, and people of other faiths to embrace peace, not only in Tucson but around the world as part of a larger campaign of the Jewish Peace Fellowship, the Muslim Peace Fellowship and the National Fellowship of Reconciliation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2, 2008 as

*** TUCSON PEACEWALK DAY ***

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 twenty-second day of February in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** AMERICAN INDIAN DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY ***

[M08-94]

WHEREAS, individuals from *all* backgrounds and cultures including American Indians are affected by developmental disabilities and the need for Rehabilitation services; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona resolves to support opportunities for individuals with disabilities to function independently and productively; and

WHEREAS, these opportunities include the ability to vote, to volunteer, to work, and to engage in fulfilling lives, meaningful relationships, and rewarding careers; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all Arizonans to support and aid the critical efforts to help improve the opportunities and resources for those living with disabilities, so that they may freely strive to realize their full potential without fear of physical limitations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 19, 2008 as

*** AMERICAN INDIAN DISABILITIES AWARENESS DAY ***

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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*** BUSINESS CREDIT MANAGEMENT AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH ***

[M08-98]

WHEREAS, National Association of Credit Management (NACM) of Arizona, established in Arizona in 1927 and Southwest Business Credit Services are affiliated with the National Association of Credit Management, founded in 1896; and

WHEREAS, Southwest Business Credit Services is a leader in the business credit management arena and serves a diversified, member-owned association by providing a broad range of integrated business credit management services to credit managers and business owners; and

WHEREAS, NACM of Arizona and Southwest Business Credit Services are structured to provide today's sophisticated credit professional with an array of services second to none, all designed to help Arizona's business community avoid credit losses which intimately could be harmful to the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, NACM of Arizona and Southwest Business Credit Services continues an 81 year tradition of providing quality service to members through it's accomplished staff and dedicated volunteers;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2008 as

*** BUSINESS CREDIT MANAGEMENT AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION 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 twenty-seventh day of February in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY ***

[M08-97]

WHEREAS, success in school starts with reading, and when children become good readers in the early grades, they are more likely to become better learners throughout their school years and beyond; and

WHEREAS, becoming a reader involves the development of important skills, including learning to use language in conversation, listening and responding to stories read aloud, and recognizing and naming the letters of the alphabet; and

WHEREAS, children who read on a consistent basis rank high on achievement tests, benefiting the children, their parents, the school and the community; and

WHEREAS, it takes parents, teachers and the community to help a child learn to read, enjoy reading, and learn that reading is valued, not only for the lifelong skills gained, but the joy it brings along the way; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Arizona stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success, their preparation for America's jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, "National Education Association's Read Across America," a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's 104th birthday on March 3, 2008, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community's students;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2008 as

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*** READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY ***

and encourage our community to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world and call on the citizens of Arizona to take time to read with a child.

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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*** ARIZONA RED CROSS MONTH ***

[M08-99]

WHEREAS, every day, Red Cross volunteers and employees carry out the mission by providing essential services to people in their communities with the help of generous donors across the state; and

WHEREAS, for more than 92 years, Arizonans have relied on the expertise of the American Red Cross in disaster relief. Each year, the American Red Cross of Arizona responds to numerous disasters including house or apartment fires, floods and other natural and human caused disasters. In 2007, the Red Cross helped the citizens of Arizona by responding to a disaster an average of once every fifteen hours; and

WHEREAS, The American Red Cross chapters in Arizona make every effort to save lives long before tragedy strikes by helping individuals and entire communities learn to prepare for disasters. It prepares people to save lives through first aid and CPR training, water safety, and use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to save victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Over the past year, nearly 75,000 people have enrolled in American Red Cross of Health and Safety courses in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Chapters of the American Red Cross have devoted themselves to educating individuals, families, schools and businesses in our state about what they can do to strengthen our communities' response in the event of possible disaster by making March a month dedicated to preparing Arizonans, recruiting volunteers and blood donors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2008 as

*** ARIZONA RED CROSS MONTH ***

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

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G O V E R N O R

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