

**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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*** SENIOR VOLUNTEER WEEK ***

[M08-103]

WHEREAS, senior volunteers have answered the call, giving of their time, sharing their life experiences and talents to meet community needs; and

WHEREAS, senior volunteers serving in a variety of community organizations in Arizona are helping to meet local needs and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, senior volunteerism benefits all generations and we recognize the legacy of community service by today's senior volunteers; and

WHEREAS, we gratefully acknowledge senior volunteers in Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 10-14, 2008 as

*** SENIOR VOLUNTEER 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 third day of March 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

*** ARIZONA ARBOR DAY ***

[M08-104]

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens acknowledge the important role that trees play in our lives whether by providing oxygen, combating air pollution, offering a shady place to rest, supplying a more comfortable place to live or contributing to the splendor and viability of our forests; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all citizens realize the importance of proper tree care throughout the life of a tree, and that trees and humans share an interdependence that should be nurtured; and

WHEREAS, trees are recognized throughout our Nation on this Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, trees are not only beautiful and majestic treasures, but they are a vital, life-sustaining element of our ecosystem reducing energy required to heat and cool buildings and providing food and shelter for wildlife, thereby enhancing the biological diversity of our environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2008 as

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*** ARIZONA ARBOR 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 fourth day of March 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

*** ARIZONA CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION WEEK ***

[M08-102]

WHEREAS, Arizona faces a growing number of youth and adult offenders who are being institutionalized at federal, state and local facilities; and

WHEREAS, correctional education in our state continues to play an important role in the process by which incarcerated individuals and those under community supervision can gain the education necessary to become productive citizens and break the cycle of crime and violence that plagues much of our offender population; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills is invaluable for offenders who are prepared to pay their debt to society and resume a life as a gainfully employed and law abiding citizen; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's Correctional and Alternative Educators contribute their time and energy on behalf of incarcerated men and women, and are absolutely vital to the true rehabilitation process by which criminal offenders can gain dignity, respect, and self esteem; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's Correctional Educators have an organizational mission to advocate for excellence in correctional education by providing high quality services and resources for it members; and

WHEREAS, there is an established body of research to support education as a significant strategy for reducing recidivism, with literacy being a key factor in a successful educational experience, and highly qualified correctional educators helping to ensure the success of correctional education programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 7-9, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION 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 fourth day of March in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

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*** GLAUCOMA AWARENESS DAY ***

[M08-100]

WHEREAS, glaucoma is the second leading global cause of blindness; affecting approximately 3 million Americans and 65 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, approximately 120,000 Americans have gone blind from glaucoma; accounting for 9% to 12% of all cases of blindness in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, blindness ranks third as a major health fear among Americans according to the Glaucoma Research Foundation; and

WHEREAS, certain population groups, including African Americans, Hispanics, senior citizens, diabetics and those with family history, are at the greatest risk of developing glaucoma; and

WHEREAS, while there is no cure for glaucoma; early detection through routine eye examinations and aggressive treatment upon diagnoses present the best opportunity to preserve sight; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is a leader in innovation related to eye care and the treatment of conditions like glaucoma;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 6, 2008 as

*** GLAUCOMA 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 fourth day of March 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

*** SHARE THE MAGIC WEEK ***

[M08-105]

WHEREAS, Arizona Beta Sigma Phi's Against Domestic Abuse, Inc. is a volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation organized in 1999; and

WHEREAS, this organization was established to support domestic abuse shelters in the State of Arizona through fundraising events with the proceeds being donated to one or more domestic abuse shelters; and

WHEREAS, this organization has donated more than \$200,000 to Autumn House, De Colores, My Sisters' Place, New Life Center, Faith House, Elim House, Chrysalis Scottsdale and Chrysalis Phoenix through its fundraising efforts as well as \$30,000 to domestic violence shelters outside Maricopa County; and

WHEREAS, this organization, by providing support to these domestic abuse shelters, has assisted the shelters in serving the needs of women and children who have had to flee their homes due to domestic abuse;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 30 through April 5, 2008 as

*** SHARE THE MAGIC WEEK ***

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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 fourth day of March 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

*** TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK ***

[M08-101]

WHEREAS, Arizona and America has been continually renewed and enriched by the many different cultures who choose our state and nation as their home; and

WHEREAS, Arizonans of Taiwanese descent have made significant contributions to our state's business and commerce, arts and educational communities; and

WHEREAS, we recognize and respect Taiwanese heritage and culture and acknowledge the accomplishments of Taiwanese Americans; and

WHEREAS, Heritage Week allows us to cherish the diversity of Arizona and celebrate the spirit of community that binds us all together;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the March 24-31, 2008 as

*** TAIWANESE AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK ***

and ask all citizens of Arizona to celebrate and commemorate the talents, intellect and activism of Taiwanese Americans and the contributions they have made in American life.

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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ATTEST:

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Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA AGRICULTURE DAY ***

[M08-108]

WHEREAS, Arizona enjoys year-round agricultural production, including more than 90% of the nation's lettuce supply during January and February; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's farmers and ranchers produce a wide diversity of agricultural products – ranging from artichokes to zucchini – to feed and clothe the residents of the state; and

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WHEREAS, Arizona producers also provide trees, shrubs and flowers to beautify the homes and landscapes of the state; and

WHEREAS, this activity constitutes a major segment of the state's economy, annually providing some 77,500 jobs and making a multi-billion dollar economic impact in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the agriculture industry includes not only farmers, ranchers, dairymen and nurserymen but also farm workers, scientists, processors, shippers, marketers and retailers; and

WHEREAS, the careful stewardship of land by Arizona's agricultural producers maintains a healthy and sustainable environment; and

WHEREAS, this renewable and essential industry is vital to the well-being and quality of life of the state of Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA AGRICULTURE 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 fifth day of March 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

*** ARIZONA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL DAYS ***

[M08-107]

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is unique and rich with peoples from different ethnic, cultural and historical backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, dragon boat racing is an ancient sport dating back 2,500 years in China and is one of the fastest growing boating sports in the world; and

WHEREAS, modern-day dragon boat racing was introduced to Arizona when the Phoenix Sister Cities Commission sent successive delegations to participate in the Taipei International Dragon Boat Festival; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Dragon Boat Association, continues to dedicate themselves to the countless hours of planning and organizing the 5th Annual Arizona Dragon Boat Festival at Tempe Town Lake to bring together 50 racing teams, performances by martial arts and dance groups, music and vendors, all in order to enhance the opportunity to learn about Asian culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 29 and 30, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL DAYS ***

and encourage all residents of Arizona, along with paddlers and supporters from throughout the United States and other countries, to participate in the festivities and celebrate the cultural heritage of this event.

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G O V E R N O R

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