

**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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*** TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS WEEK ***

[M08-345]

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks eighth in the nation in the suicide mortality rate for adolescents ages 10-19; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death for Arizona teens ages 15-17 and the third leading cause of death for Arizona Adolescents age 10-14; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that about 32,000 young people attempted suicide in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the start of the school year and the end of the school year have the highest number of completed suicides by teens in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, non-profit organizations such as Teen Lifeline, Banner Behavioral Health, Community Bridges, One in Ten, Planned Parenthood, Touchstone, A New Leave, Phoenix Youth at Risk, EMPACT, SADD, and the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence conduct promotional activities to highlight prevention and acknowledge support services that are available to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 8-12, 2008 as

*** TEEN SUICIDE PREVENTION AND 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 eleventh day of August in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

ATTEST:
Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH ***

[M08-346]

WHEREAS, treatment and long-term recovery from substance use disorders can offer a renewed outlook on life for those who are addicted and their family members; and

WHEREAS, substance use disorders impact 22.6 million people aged 12 or older in the United States; and

WHEREAS, people who receive treatment for substance use disorders can lead more productive and fulfilling lives, personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, studies have consistently found that individualized treatment is essential for people to be successful in their path of recovery; and

WHEREAS, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of

their families, and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we educate our community members that substance use disorders are treatable yet serious health care problems, and by treating them like other chronic diseases, we can improve the quality of life for the entire community

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and the Governor's Office for Children, Youth & Families, Division for Substance Abuse Policy invite all residents of Arizona to participate in *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*;

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

*** ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY 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 thirteenth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

ATTEST:
Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT MONTH ***

[R08-347]

WHEREAS, family involvement in a child's learning is critical to student success in school and in college and is key in attaining a good job; and

WHEREAS, creating an environment where learning takes place not just in a classroom, but becomes a central part of family life requires that parents play a more active role in their children's education; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that there is a direct correlation between high student achievement and the high expectations and positive contributions of a child's parents; and

WHEREAS, the role of parents in creating a successful pre-school through college education system for each Arizona child cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's educational leaders are developing resources that offer concrete ideas for parents looking to engage more fully in their children's education as a way to develop stronger connections between parents and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Parent Information Resource Center (Arizona State PIRC) and Arizona Congress of Parents and Teachers (Arizona PTA) are available to assist schools and families with ideas for getting more involved in the education and development of young students;

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

*** PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT MONTH ***

and encourage all citizens to take time this month to take their involvement in their child's learning to the next level and setting high expectations for their students.

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Secretary of State

*** YOUTH SPORTS WEEK ***

[M08-348]

WHEREAS, sports are known to have physical, social and psychological benefits for our youth; and

WHEREAS, The Leadership Consortium (TLC) has annually partnered to host events to enhance the relationships among athletes, sports organizations and the community; and

WHEREAS, private business, non-profit organizations and government agencies throughout Arizona have joined this partnership to hold forth this fifth anniversary of the event called Linking Sports and Communities from September 3-6, 2008; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, September 4, six Arizonans, including Tom Ambrose who will receive a Lifetime Achievement Award, will be honored for their significant contributions to our communities; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, September 6, at Phoenix International Raceway, 300 youths age 12-18 will attend educational workshops on financial responsibility, nutrition and careers, and clinics on hockey, golf, football, soccer and basketball;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 1-7, 2008 as

*** YOUTH SPORTS WEEK ***

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Secretary of State

*** BE OUTDOORS ARIZONA AWARENESS WEEK ***

[M08-352]

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona celebrates the quality of life of its children and natural environments; and

WHEREAS, children who play regularly in natural environments show more advanced motor fitness, balance, agility, and are sick less often with fewer instances of obesity; and

WHEREAS, exposure to natural environments and the outdoors improves children's cognitive development in part by instilling curiosity and improving awareness, reasoning and observation skills; and

WHEREAS, active children engaged in the outdoors score well on evaluations of concentration and self-discipline; and

WHEREAS, children frequently engaged in undirected free play outdoors have higher self-esteem and improved social skills, imagination and problem-solving abilities that contribute to the well being of the community; and

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WHEREAS, children who have frequent nature-centered outdoor experiences develop life-long skills as community stewards and caregivers that advance the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, schools, universities, cities, parks departments, state and federal agencies, not-for-profit organizations focused on children and nature, and kindred organizations such as zoos, botanical gardens, museums and social organizations have come together for the benefit of Arizona children to share best practices and create continuous nature-centered outdoor experiences that enrich the lives of children across the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the newly formed organization, *Be Outdoors Arizona*, brings a national movement to Arizona that will reconnect children with the outdoors and act as a link between children, their caregivers and the opportunities for effective outdoor activities and nature-centered experiences throughout life;

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

*** BE OUTDOORS ARIZONA 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

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Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA COLLEGE FAIR WEEK ***

[M08-357]

WHEREAS, Arizona College Fair Week brings a vast number of colleges, universities, community colleges, vocational and trade schools from across the country to Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona College Fair Week provides a unique opportunity for all Arizona students and their parents to attend a college fair designed with them in mind; and

WHEREAS, post-secondary education prepares students to live, work and compete in our global economy; and

WHEREAS, attending a college fair is a fantastic opportunity for students and families to meet admissions representatives, gain insight to the college application process, establish a personal contact with an institution and become informed on financial aid and scholarship opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 14-20, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA COLLEGE FAIR 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

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*** ARIZONA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FIDDLERS' CONTEST DAYS ***

[M08-358]

WHEREAS, the strength of our Nation and that of the State of Arizona is in its people, whose present and future are built upon the past; and

WHEREAS, our heritage is displayed through the songs that people sang, and the tunes they played, presenting us with vignettes of our history; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we remember them, and proper that we perpetuate the fiddle music of years gone by, and encourage its authentic presentation to this and succeeding generations; and

WHEREAS, the Fiddlers' Contest in Payson, Arizona, now in its 38th year, encompasses these objectives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 27 and 28, 2008 as

*** ARIZONA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP FIDDLERS' CONTEST DAYS ***

and encourage Arizonans to attend and enjoy the 38th annual Fiddlers' Contest in Payson.

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*** CONSTITUTION WEEK ***

[M08-359]

WHEREAS, more than 200 years ago our forefathers adopted a Constitution that has since proven to be an enduring guide that has secured the blessings of liberty for every generation of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution's framework for establishing and preserving liberty, justice, and opportunity has enabled us to prosper as a Nation and thrive as a people; and

WHEREAS, our Constitution is a living document that defends the principles of democracy and freedom and allows our Nation to shine as a beacon of democracy, tolerance, compassion and generosity; and

WHEREAS, educating our citizens about the principles of the Constitution allows us to reflect on the rights and privileges and citizenship and to work to ensure that the blessings of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness endure and extend for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 17-23, 2008 as

*** CONSTITUTION 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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*** LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M08-360]

WHEREAS, life insurance owned by individuals and businesses provides much needed income replacement to spouses and families who have lost loved ones whose income they relied upon for sustenance and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, life insurance tools such as wealth transfer, estate tax equity and estate planning help provide economic stability and security for families throughout our great State; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate nearly 50 million Americans lack adequate life insurance coverage and that widows and widowers had to make difficult financial adjustments after loved ones died. These included having to work additional jobs or longer hours, borrow money from friends and family, withdraw money from savings and investment accounts, and move to smaller, less expensive housing; and

WHEREAS, the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Educate (LIFE), the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) and a coalition representing hundreds of leading life insurance companies and organizations have designated September as "Life Insurance Awareness Month" whose goal is to make consumers more aware of their life insurance needs, encourage them to seek professional advice, and take the actions necessary to achieve the financial security of their loved ones;

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

*** LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH ***

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*** PARALEGAL DAY ***

[M08-356]

WHEREAS, it is estimated that there are approximately 224,000 paralegals employed nationwide and 3400 paralegals employed in the state of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, paralegals have contributed significantly to legal communities throughout the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, paralegals have successfully lowered the cost of legal services provided to law firm clients by their participation in the cases taken on by their employing law firms; and

WHEREAS, legal services organizations are better able to deliver legal services to populations most in need of legal services through the use of paralegals; and

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WHEREAS, the cost of legal services provided by state government is reduced through the effective use of paralegals; and

WHEREAS, paralegals continue to establish their vital role of expanding the range of access to legal services available to the people; and

WHEREAS, excellence, dedication, and integrity are the unmistakable characteristics of paralegals and the services they provide to their attorney-employers; and

WHEREAS, in cooperation with the Maricopa County Bar Association's Paralegal Division, dedicated to the advancement and continued education of paralegals throughout the State of Arizona, a day shall be set aside to honor those who practice this distinguished profession;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2008 as

*** PARALEGAL DAY ***

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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*** PUBLIC LANDS DAY ***

[M08-361]

WHEREAS, America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens and other landmark areas throughout the nation that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and

WHEREAS, public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, public lands promote civic ideals that include shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership; and

WHEREAS, shared stewardship requires the goodwill, cooperation and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children and adults; and

WHEREAS, the Civilian Conservation Corps (1933-1944) gave our nation a magnificent legacy of stewardship of our treasured natural resources that is being passed to younger generations; and

WHEREAS, land conservation builds awareness among urban dwellers with concerns about planned development, shared land use, preservation of wild areas and natural habitats, and the benefits realized by diligent restoration and enhancement efforts; and

WHEREAS, an alliance between private citizens, land managers and community leaders improves the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment and enrichment of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, National Public Lands Day, co-sponsored by the National Environmental Education Foundation, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Department of Defense, the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, has become an annually anticipated event for participation on publicly held lands in Arizona;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2008 as

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*** PUBLIC LANDS DAY ***

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