



**GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS**

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Governor proclamations of general applicability, and ceremonial dedications issued by the Governor.

**\* AMERICAN EAGLE DAY \***

[M15-78]

**WHEREAS**, the Bald Eagle was designated as America’s national emblem on June 20, 1782 by our country’s founding fathers at the second continental congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bald Eagle is unique to North America and represents such American values and attributes as Freedom, Courage, Strength, Spirit, Justice, Quality and Excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bald Eagle is the central image used in the Great Seal of the United States and in the logos of many branches of the United States Government, including the Presidency, Congress, Defense Department, Treasury Department, Justice Department, State Department, Department of Commerce and the United States Postal Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bald Eagle’s image, meaning and symbolism have played a significant role in American art, music, literature, architecture, commerce, education, culture; and on United States stamps, currency and coinage and also in the beliefs, traditions, religions, lifestyles and heritage of Americans from all walks of life, including United States military service men and women, American Indians, Christians, and members of various civic, fraternal, patriotic, veterans, youth, conservation, educational, outdoors, nature, sportsman, wildlife, political and sports organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bald Eagle was federally classified as an “endangered species” in the lower 48 states under the Endangered Species Act in 1973, and was upgraded to a less imperiled “threatened” status under that Act in 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Interior and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service delisted the Bald Eagle from the Endangered Species Act protection in 2007, but will continue to be protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940 and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918; and

**WHEREAS**, the recovery of America’s Bald Eagle population was largely accomplished due to the vigilant efforts of numerous caring agencies, corporations, organizations and citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2015 as

**\* AMERICAN EAGLE DAY \***

and I further encourage citizens to join in support of the majestic Bald Eagle’s continuing recovery and the protection of its precious natural habitat, and in commemorating the living and symbolic presence of our National Bird.

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

**Douglas A. Ducey**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**  
**Michele Reagan**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* ARIZONA ARBOR DAY \***

[M15-79]

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, the holiday called Arbor Day was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees, and is now recognized throughout the nation and world – reminding us that one person’s initiative can make a lasting and meaningful difference; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona is committed to a community forestry program that supports a safe, healthy, and attractive urban forest for every citizen; and

**WHEREAS**, trees are a renewable resource that yield fruit and nuts for food and profit, wood for construction, fuel for warmth, paper products, and a wide variety of other goods and materials; and

**WHEREAS**, when property selected, planted in the right places, and tended appropriately, trees increase property values, enhance economic vitality of business districts, mitigate the heat island effect, and provide buffers for traffic; and

**WHEREAS**, trees play an important role in our lives by providing oxygen, combating air pollution, slowing storm water runoff, offering a shady place to rest, providing aesthetic beauty to communities, increasing biological diversity, providing wildlife habitat, and contributing to the splendor and viability of our forests; and

**WHEREAS**, a healthy urban forest can bring a sense of vibrancy or respite, adventure or calm, escape or contentment, and connection to wild nature, amidst asphalt and concrete.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015 as

**\* 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

**Douglas A. Ducey**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**

**Michele Reagan**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* BATTLE OF MIDWAY REMEMBRANCE DAY \***

[M15-80]

**WHEREAS**, the Battle of Midway, fought between June 4 – 7, 1942, was a crucial and decisive naval battle in the Pacific Theatre of World War II involving heroic effort by the United States Navy, Marine and Army Air Force personnel, proclaimed by historian John Keegan as “the most stunning and decisive blow in the history of naval warfare;” and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona service members were among those who fought gallantly to achieve victory against overwhelming Japanese naval force; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona’s special connection with the Battle of Midway includes one of its Native Sons, Ensign John C. Butler, Jr.; U.S. Navy (Reserve) from Buckeye, a member of Bombing Squadron 3 aboard the U.S.S. Yorktown, who was killed in action during the battle, and hence posthumously awarded the Navy Cross, the Navy’s highest decoration for heroism in combat; and

**WHEREAS**, the Battle of Midway has been recognized by the Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, as one of the historic events in its long and honorable heritage to be commemorated each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Battle of Midway will be commemorated in Arizona on June 5, 2015 in a ceremony in the Historic Senate Chamber of the Arizona State Capitol Museum which will further the public’s education and awareness of this historic event and the role played by Arizonans in its successful outcome; and



**WHEREAS**, the year 2015 will mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War II, the most costly and world-altering war in human history, a conflict whose outcome was vitally dependent upon the result of battles such as that for Midway Atoll; and

**WHEREAS**, in view of the foregoing, it is befitting that the State of Arizona will join with the United States Navy in commemorating the Battle of Midway and recognizing the sacrifices made by all United States military personnel who participated in that historic event, thereby honoring all who have helped ensure the freedoms we enjoy today.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 5, 2015 as

**\* BATTLE OF MIDWAY REMEMBRANCE DAY \***

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

**Douglas A. Ducey**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**  
**Michele Reagan**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH \***

[M15-81]

**WHEREAS**, brain tumors, both primary (originating in brain tissue) and secondary (originating in other parts of the body that metastasize to the brain) are diagnosed in more than 210,000 Americans of all ages, races, socio-economic status and gender each year and continue to rise annually; and

**WHEREAS**, brain tumors are among the deadliest forms of cancer with just a 34% five-year relative survival rate and are the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in young people under the age of 20; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly 1,540 Arizonans will be diagnosed with a brain tumor and 272 will die from a brain tumor in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is home to major facilities, such as Barrow Neurological Institute at St. Joseph’s Hospital and Medical Center, Barrow Neurological Institute at Phoenix Children’s Hospital, Translational Genomics Institute and others that focus on research to find better treatments, a cure for brain tumors and a higher quality of life for brain tumor patients; and

**WHEREAS**, increased public awareness of brain tumors through advocacy and support for targeted research, as well as education about the impact brain tumors have on patients’ and their families’ lives are critical to support and action for a cure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

**\* BRAIN TUMOR AWARENESS MONTH \***

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

**Douglas A. Ducey**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**



**Michele Reagan  
Secretary of State**

**\* BUILDING SAFETY MONTH \***

[M15-82]

**WHEREAS**, building safety affects many aspects of life, and through the enforcement of construction codes, people enjoy the comfort of structures that are safe and sound; and

**WHEREAS**, the dedicated members of the International Code Council, in partnership with building and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, and others in the construction industry, develop and enforce the codes that safeguard Americans in the buildings where we live, work, play and learn; and

**WHEREAS**, construction codes provide safeguards to protect the public from natural disasters that can occur all across the country, including snowstorms, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildland fires, and earthquakes, and construction codes also work to minimize other potential building catastrophes; and

**WHEREAS**, Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council and is an opportunity to educate the public and to increase public awareness of the role building safety and fire prevention-officials, local and state building departments, and federal agencies play in the first line of defense to protect the public; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's themes, "Don't Get Burned," "Bounce Back Faster From Disaster," "Water Safe, Water Smart," and "Save Energy" encourage all Americans to raise awareness of the importance of building safe and resilient construction, fire prevention, disaster mitigation, backyard safety, energy efficiency, and new technologies in the construction industry.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

**\* BUILDING SAFETY MONTH \***

and I further urge everyone to consider projects to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

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

**Douglas A. Ducey  
G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**

**Michele Reagan  
Secretary of State**

**\* GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH \***

[M15-83]

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is blessed with outstanding opportunities for safe and healthy fun in the Great Outdoors enjoying our natural splendors in the company of family and in the company of old and new friends; and

**WHEREAS**, our kids today spend an average of 10 hours a day in front of a screen and outdoor activity is touted by many leading health organizations as a remedy to the adverse effects caused by our increasing inactivity; and

**WHEREAS**, diverse Great Outdoors Month events including National Trails Day®, National Get Outdoors Day, the Great Outdoors Month™, National Day of Service, the Great American Campout®, Kids to Parks™ Day and more help connect citizens of all ages to healthy fun outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, other events during Great Outdoors Month such as National Fishing and Boating Week and National Marina Day provide all of us, especially our children, with exciting opportunities for recreation on the great waters of our state; and



**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month, promoting activities including biking, swimming, hiking, paddling, fishing, hunting, boating and many more help us and our children enjoy the physically and mentally healthful and educational benefits of outdoor recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, enjoyment of our Great Outdoors allows us to celebrate the commitment of our state to conserve and protect our air, our water, our wildlife and our lands and contribute to conservation efforts through various licenses, taxes and fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic impact of outdoor recreation is both large and growing nationally, exceeding \$650 billion in annual expenditures, and in our state, where it is estimated at \$17.1 billion and supports some 166,000 jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, many of our important cultural and historic events and traditions are linked to places in our state which are parts of national, state and local park systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the partnership of federal, state and local agencies, the recreation and tourism industries and recreationists which make outdoor recreation opportunities available, and adds new and needed features such as improved trails through the Recreational Trails Program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 2015 as

**\* GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH \***

and I further urge all citizens and visitors from other states and other lands to explore and enjoy, protect and conserve Arizona’s Great Outdoors.

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

**Douglas A. Ducey**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-first day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**  
**Michele Reagan**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH \***

[M15-84]

**WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, addiction to drugs and alcohol affect millions of people and their families every year; and

**WHEREAS**, one in four adults and one in five children in America experiences a mental health disorder in a given year regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, religion, or economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, untreated mental health needs can lead to failure in school or work, addiction and even suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention, education and awareness can help reduce the burden of mental health conditions in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 5,000 people in Arizona have taken the Mental Health First Aid course to learn about the signs and symptoms of mental illness and how to help someone experiencing a mental health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, with effective services and supports, individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and



**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Department of Health Services and each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, and any other type of organization as well as citizens, have a responsibility to promote the mental well-being as part of a person's overall health.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

**\* MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH \***

and I further urge Arizona citizens to re-commit to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health in adults and children, the steps our citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental health needs.

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

**Douglas A. Ducey**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**

**Michele Reagan**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* POWERTALK 21 DAY \***

[M15-85]

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, high school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important; and

**WHEREAS**, 27 percent of middle school students try alcohol before graduating from 8<sup>th</sup> grade, significantly increasing the risk that they will develop alcohol problems later in life; and

**WHEREAS**, teen alcohol use kills about 4,700 people each year, more than all other legal drugs combined; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of kids say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, PowerTalk 21 Day, started by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in 2011, was established to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America's youth and their decisions about waiting to drink alcohol until age 21; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, MADD will kick off "21 Days in Support of 21", beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup> and culminating on PowerTalk 21 on April 21<sup>st</sup>, as part of *Power of Parents* program to create a sustained and prolonged conversation about underage drinking among middle school and high school students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2015 as

**\* POWERTALK 21 DAY \***

and I further urge Arizona citizens to join in the local efforts to raise awareness of the importance of parents and teens talking together about alcohol in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities.

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

**Douglas A. Ducey**  
**G O V E R N O R**



**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**  
**Michele Reagan**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH \***

[M15-86]

**WHEREAS**, syringomyelia, often referred to as SM, is a chronic disorder involving the spinal cord; and

**WHEREAS**, the condition occurs when cerebrospinal fluid, normally found outside of the spinal cord and brain, enters the interior of the spinal cord, forming a cavity known as syrinx; and

**WHEREAS**, many individuals suffer from chronic pain and some will develop neuropathic pain syndromes and possible paralysis; and

**WHEREAS**, this pain is difficult to treat and a large percentage of people have headaches which can be severe; and

**WHEREAS**, the need for widespread awareness and understanding for syringomyelia is critical for meaningful research to continue so that the quality of lives is improved and a cure can be found, but unfortunately at this time a cure is unknown; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project, Inc. (ASAP), the oldest non-profit organization for chiari and syringomyelia will annually celebrate May as the official month for Syringomyelia Awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, ASAP will continue to provide support, fund research, and educate the public, to bring hope to those affected with syringomyelia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

**\* SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH \***

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

**Douglas A. Ducey**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**  
**Michele Reagan**  
**Secretary of State**