



**GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS**

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

**\* ALL ARIZONA ACADEMIC TEAM \***

[M15-109]

**WHEREAS**, special commendations are extended to the outstanding scholars who comprise the All Arizona Academic Team, a team of highly successful students nominated by Arizona’s ten community college districts and selected by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for community and junior colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, to be chosen as a member of the All Arizona Academic Team, these students must demonstrate impressive intellect, outstanding leadership, and a determination to achieve academic excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, the praiseworthy and devoted efforts of the members of the All Arizona Academic Team have earned the respect and admiration of the citizenry of this State; and

**WHEREAS**, the following students have been named as members of the All Arizona Academic Team:

FIRST TEAM:

Emily Alcazar, Nathaniel P. Bush, Valerie Campodall’Orto, Paola Castro, Daniel Clevenger, John Field, Lori Fusak, Riana Jacquez, Brett Laine, Valerie Le Grande, Monica LeMoine, Kristi-Lee Mathiesen, Todd Myren, Jeremiah Palicka, Geneva Patterson, Andrew Paxton, Raymond Rosas, David Rowlands, Cecile Sharp, Gilberto Sosa Mendoza, Andrew Sypher, Jonathan Talos, Fern Van Vliet, Whitney Vizzini, Bailey Wilson.

SECOND TEAM:

Charity Bidegain, Jacob Bowdon, Alisha Brown, Kathlyn Dibene, Fernando Gomez, Moira Hamilton, Aubrial Harrington, Yingli Hillis, Cassie Johnson, Alexandria Joyce, Chet Martinez-Droeg, Abdullah Matalgah, Daniel McGee, Kelcee Moore, Rex Moore, Raphael Nicas, Tracie Osier, Debra Pennington, Lauren Peters, Cassandra Roose, David Selby, Brittany Sheldahl, Jenna Shockey, Michael Stanley, Blake Suarez.

THIRD TEAM:

Sara Anderson, Socorro Carrillo, Jennifer DoBell, William Gray, Shanti Guerrero, JaNae Hancock, Gabriela Hebranova, Christopher Hughes, Kasey Johnston, Ashley Knister, Nailea Leon, Charles Manley, Ashley McDowell, Deshell Mileham, Leah Norris, Dorka Nsagane, Alfredo Ortiz, Diego Ramirez, Natalie Relitz, Isaac Schimmel, Dawn Taylor, Michelle Valenzuela, Laurie Shyann Vance, Nannan Zhang.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby congratulate Arizona’s community college districts and members of the

**\* ALL ARIZONA ACADEMIC TEAM \***

**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 twelfth day of February 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 ADULT LITERACY WEEK \***

[M15-110]

**WHEREAS**, approximately 20 percent of Arizona's adults experience literacy issues that impair their lives and families, their ability to work productively, and their full participation as citizens and residents of Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona adult education provides a bridge to successful post-secondary and career goals for adult learners; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's economic future depends on a skilled workforce and Adult Education is a core partner in our workforce development system; and

**WHEREAS**, parents are their children's first teachers, preparing their children to learn and succeed in school and their community; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's adult education providers supplied over 1.3 million hours of instruction to improve the literacy of Arizona's adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Adult Literacy Week will encourage and promote literacy and lifelong learning across our great State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 22 - 28, 2015 as

**\* ARIZONA ADULT LITERACY WEEK \***

**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 thirteenth day of February 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 STATEHOOD DAY \***

[M15-111]

**WHEREAS**, on February 14, 1912, after forty-nine years as a U.S. territory, President William Howard Taft signed the Arizona Statehood Act, making Arizona the forty-eighth and last of the contiguous states to enter the Union of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, news of Arizona's statehood was telegraphed to the people of Arizona, Governor George W.P. Hunt was inaugurated and the Legislature was called into its first session; and

**WHEREAS**, for 103 years, people have come to make Arizona their home, drawn by its striking landscapes, rich history and proud heritage, unlimited opportunities, warm hospitality and the chance to be part of a prosperous and dynamic state; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Statehood Day affords Arizonans an opportunity to celebrate our pioneer spirit, immense diversity and cherished traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Statehood Day 2015 encourages all citizens to take an active role in commemorating Arizona's strong foundations and great accomplishments, as well as to look toward new opportunities and the bright future ahead.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 14, 2015 as

**\* ARIZONA STATEHOOD DAY \***

and, I further encourage citizens to participate in all activities in recognition thereof.



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 thirteenth day of February 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**

**\* CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK \***

[M15-112]

**WHEREAS**, congenital heart defects are the most frequently occurring birth defects and a leading cause of birth defect related deaths worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, over a million families across America are facing the challenges and hardships of raising children with congenital heart defects, and nearly one million adults in the United States are currently living with a congenital heart defect; and

**WHEREAS**, every year more than 500 babies in Arizona and nearly 40,000 babies in the United States are born with congenital heart defects; and

**WHEREAS**, some congenital heart defects are not diagnosed until months or years after birth, complicating diagnosis and treatment, and causing many cases of sudden cardiac death in young athletes who have not been diagnosed with congenital heart conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, despite these statistics, there is a disproportionately small amount of funding available for congenital heart defect research; and

**WHEREAS**, Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected by congenital heart defects to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about congenital heart defects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 7 - 14, 2015 as

**\* CONGENITAL HEART DEFECT AWARENESS WEEK \***

and, I further encourage all citizens to increase awareness, education and services for congenital heart defects, which each year affect thousands of babies in Arizona.

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 eleventh day of February 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**

**\* NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK \***

[M15-113]

**WHEREAS**, drug abuse and drug addiction threaten the stability of the family structure and with commitment and support, substance abuse and other behavioral health issues can be prevented. The focus of National Prevention Week this May is to increase public awareness of, and action around, substance abuse and mental health issues; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, and estimated 24.6 million Americans are current illicit drug users, nearly one in four young people aged 12 to 20 report drinking alcohol in the past month, and one in four Americans age 12 or older smoke cigarettes; and

**WHEREAS**, in Arizona, teenagers who abuse prescription drugs are twice as likely to use illegal drugs, five times more likely to use marijuana, and twelve to twenty times more likely to use illegal street drugs, such as heroin, ecstasy, and cocaine and the most frequently abused prescription drugs reported by high school students were pain relievers, such as Vicodin, OxyContin, Percocet, and Codeine; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's National Prevention Week theme, "The Voice of One, the Power of All," recognizes the power each person has to influence the health and well-being of others—whether by supporting someone who's going through a difficult time, participating in activities that strengthen the community, or instilling healthy habits in children from an early age taking part in prevention-related activities and conversations helps raise awareness of behavioral health issues and changes lives; and

**WHEREAS**, through National Prevention Week, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health problems and substance abuse. Equally important, community members of all walks of life learn what they can do to help prevent these problems before they start. Whether by being a shoulder for someone to lean on, leading someone to help for a behavioral health issue before it worsens, or setting an example by staying substance-free, we all have a role to play in keeping the people around us—and ourselves—healthy and safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona, the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Behavioral Health Services and its partners, recognize the seriousness of behavioral health issues in our communities, the power of prevention, and the tireless efforts of those working to make a difference.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 17 – 23, 2015 as

**\* NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK \***

**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 May 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**

**\* RARE DISEASE DAY \***

[M15-114]

**WHEREAS**, there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare (each affecting fewer than 200,000 Americans) in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and

**WHEREAS**, while each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare diseases as a group affect almost 30 million Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, many rare diseases are serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and



**WHEREAS**, while more than 450 drugs and biologics have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), millions of Americans still have rare diseases for which there is no approved treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and

**WHEREAS**, while the public is familiar with some rare diseases such as “Lou Gehrig’s disease” and sympathetic to those affected, many patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases bear a large share of the burden of funding research and raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of residents of Arizona are among those affected by rare diseases since nearly one in 10 Americans have rare diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) is organizing a nationwide observance of Rare Disease Day on February 28, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of patients and caregivers, medical professionals, researchers, companies developing orphan products to treat people with rare diseases, and others in the State of Arizona will participate in that observance.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2015 as

**\* RARE DISEASE 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 eleventh day of February in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-ninth.

**ATTEST:**  
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