



GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS

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

*** ARIZONA GEAR UP WEEK ***

[M15-215]

WHEREAS, Arizona is dedicated to helping every student graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college and the workforce; and

WHEREAS, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally-funded college access program designed to increase the number of high school graduates prepared for college and careers; and

WHEREAS, GEAR UP focuses on students from underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s GEAR UP schools have high expectations for all students and provide varied and proven strategies for increasing high school graduation and college and career readiness in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona GEAR UP 2012 - 2019 will continue the successful GEAR UP cohort model implemented over the past decade and includes the Middle Grade Initiative which will significantly improve the college and career readiness of the state’s middle school students; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Arizona’s students have succeeded in achieving the dream of going to college as a result of 13 six-year GEAR UP grants awarded in Arizona since 1999 – three state grants and ten partnership grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 21 – 25, 2015 as

*** ARIZONA GEAR UP 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 ninth day of June 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

*** CORD BLOOD AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M15-216]

WHEREAS, thousands of patients are diagnosed with a blood cancer or other life-threatening disease each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, umbilical cord blood is a non-controversial source of blood stem cells that can be a potential cure for patients fighting life-threatening blood cancers and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, donated cord blood units can be listed on the national Be The Match Registry® where they are made available to any patient in need of a transplant or provided to Arizona researchers working on curing blood cancers and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, local, regional and state volunteers, researchers and medical professionals are working to inform expectant mothers about the critical need for publicly donated cord blood units; and

WHEREAS, increased public education and promotion of the life-saving power of public donation is needed to provide blood cancer patients a chance for a cure; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services, Arizona Biomedical Research Commission has partnered with Maricopa Medical Center, Phoenix Baptist Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, Tucson Medical Center, and Save The Cord Foundation to provide the Arizona Public Cord Blood Program; and

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

*** CORD BLOOD AWARENESS MONTH ***

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

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ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M15-217]

WHEREAS, Drowning Impact Awareness Month will raise awareness that the number and impact of child drownings in Arizona affects everyone; and

WHEREAS, the drowning incidents in Arizona take the lives of the equivalent of a classroom of children each year; and

WHEREAS, a child drowning can happen to any family regardless of education, race, or socio-economic background; and



WHEREAS, families can take simple steps to protect their children around water to avoid the tragedy of the unnecessary loss of life; and

WHEREAS, water safety remains a priority for Arizona families, communities, government and Water Watchers at Phoenix Children’s Hospital; and

WHEREAS, keeping children healthy and safe is the goal of Water Watchers at Phoenix Children’s Hospital, fire departments, and other prevention organizations in Arizona, and raising awareness will increase understanding and education of effective ways to prevent drownings.

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

*** DROWNING IMPACT AWARENESS MONTH ***

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Secretary of State

*** INDEPENDENT BUSINESS WEEK ***

[M15-218]

WHEREAS, locally-owned, independent businesses generate thousands of jobs for Arizona residents each year and provide unique services and products that give Arizona its distinct character and sense of place; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s local independent businesses help preserve the uniqueness of the communities we call “home” and give us a sense of place; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s independently-owned businesses give back to our communities in goods, services, time and talent; and

WHEREAS, the health of Arizona’s economy, and that of each community within it, depends on our support of businesses owned by our friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, individuals will be celebrating Independents Week in communities across Arizona and the nation by taking the pledge to support local and independent businesses; and

WHEREAS, Local First Arizona, a non-profit organization, has over 2,500 member businesses in the State of Arizona who are celebrating many years of raising awareness about the importance of patronizing local businesses to foster strong community ties and preserve our unique character for generations to come.



NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 27 – July 5, 2015 as

*** INDEPENDENT BUSINESS WEEK ***

and I further recognize our citizens and local independent businesses who are integral to the unique flavor of Arizona and honor their efforts in making our communities the places we want to live and work.

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G O V E R N O R

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ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M15-219]

WHEREAS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is the leading genetic cause of death in children under the age of two and 1 in 40 Americans carry the gene that causes SMA which is known to cause degeneration in voluntary muscle movement for those living with the condition; and

WHEREAS, SMA is a motor neuron condition which affects the voluntary muscles that are used for activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control, and swallowing, and there is currently no treatment or cure for SMA; and

WHEREAS, SMA crosses all racial, ethnic and religious boundaries, and can occur in anyone of any age, race or gender; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of SMA will lead to increased knowledge and increased support for families affected by the condition and research, hopefully leading to effective treatment and a cure; and

WHEREAS, patient groups have designated August as National Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month in order to raise awareness and help promote research into this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, families impacted by SMA can offer family support, resource sharing, insight and understanding when it is most needed.

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

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