



GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS

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

*** ALPHA-1 AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M15-277]

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (Alpha-1) is one of the most common serious hereditary disorders in the world and can result in life-threatening lung disease in adults and liver disease in both children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 has been identified in virtually all populations, and individuals who carry a single deficient gene may pass the gene on to their children; and

WHEREAS, Alpha-1 is widely under-diagnosed and misdiagnosed and fewer than 10 percent of those predicted to have Alpha-1 have been accurately diagnosed and it often takes an average of five doctors and seven years from the time symptoms first appear before proper diagnosis is made, which can be detected by a simple blood test; and

WHEREAS, it is important to increase awareness and detection of this serious hereditary and misdiagnosed disorder; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November, a nationwide awareness campaign will take place throughout the country to educate the public as well as the medical community on Alpha-1 detection and treatment for those affected by this condition.

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

*** ALPHA-1 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 twenty-eighth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA APPRENTICESHIP WEEK ***

[M15-278]

WHEREAS, the advancement and well-being of the United States of America depends upon the continued development of workers skilled in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, apprenticeship training programs fill this need by providing the means for the development of skilled workers and the cultivation of pride in workmanship; and



WHEREAS, the Arizona Apprenticeship Advisory Committee has taken the lead in advancing this program with the result of thousands of people who have been trained for skilled jobs through apprenticeship training.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 2 - 8, 2015 as

*** ARIZONA APPRENTICESHIP WEEK ***

and I further call upon all citizens to recognize the purpose and values of apprenticeship training to pursue its further expansion.

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-eighth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** ARIZONA HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH ***

[M15-279]

WHEREAS, the Arizona Hospice & Palliative Care Organization (AHPCO), founded in 1982, is the non-profit organization committed to advancing quality end-of-life care and serving as a voice, advocate and resource for its members and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care provides patients and families the highest quality care during life-limiting illness and at the end of life, through pain management and symptom control, caregiver training and assistance, and emotional and spiritual support, allowing patients to live fully until the final moments, surrounded and supported by the faces of loved ones, friends, and committed caregivers; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, millions of Arizonans living with life-limiting illness, and their families, received care from hospice and palliative care programs in communities throughout Arizona; and

WHEREAS, professional and compassionate hospice staff, including physicians, nurses, social workers, therapists, counselors, health aides, volunteers, and clergy provide comprehensive care focused on the wishes of each individual patient; and

WHEREAS, providing high-quality hospice and palliative care reaffirms our belief in the essential dignity of every person, regardless of age, health, or social status, and that every stage of human life deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and care; and

WHEREAS, hospice and palliative care providers encourage all people to learn more about options for care and to share their wishes with family, loved ones, and their healthcare professionals.

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



*** ARIZONA HOSPICE & PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH ***

and encourage citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

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-eighth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** BLINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH ***
*** WHITE CANE SAFETY DAY ***

[M15-283]

WHEREAS, the white cane, which all blind citizens of the State of Arizona have the right to carry, demonstrates and symbolizes their ability to achieve a full and independent life and their capacity to work productively in competitive employment; and

WHEREAS, by allowing all blind people to move freely and safely from place to place, the white cane makes it possible for them to participate fully in and contribute to our society; and

WHEREAS, Arizona law calls upon employers, both public and private, to be aware of and use the employment skills of blind citizens by recognizing their worth as individuals and their productive capacities as employees; and

WHEREAS, the National Federation of the Blind has declared October as Meet-the-Blind Month and takes this opportunity each year to educated the public about the abilities of blind citizens; and

WHEREAS, through the public education and outreach efforts of the National Federation of the Blind of Arizona, citizens of this State can look forward to a continued expansion of employment opportunities for and greater acceptance of blind people in the competitive labor market; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1964, a joint resolution of the Congress was signed into law proclaiming October 15th of each year as White Cane Safety Day to recognize the contributions of Americans who are blind or low vision; and

WHEREAS, the white cane is one of a wide variety of tools that sustain independence, productivity and mobility for individuals who are blind or have low vision and in recent years, refreshable braille displays and speech synthesis devices have given these individuals access to the internet, unlocking a new frontier of unlimited possibilities in education and employment; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are visually impaired are less constrained and better integrated in our State than ever before, but much work remains to ensure they have the opportunity to reach their full potential to secure equal access to education and employment for blind Arizonans and all those with disabilities; and



WHEREAS, since White Cane Safety Day was first proclaimed, individuals who are blind or have low vision have achieved substantial progress. As leaders in government, business, academics, arts and the community, these individuals have made and continue to make remarkable contributions to Arizona and its communities.

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

*** BLINDNESS AWARENESS MONTH ***
and October 15, 2015 as
*** WHITE CANE SAFETY 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 second day of October in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH ***

[M15-284]

WHEREAS, bullying is physical, verbal, sexual, or emotional harm or intimidation intentionally directed at a person or group of people; and

WHEREAS, bullying occurs in neighborhoods, playgrounds, schools, and through technology, including cell phones and social media; and

WHEREAS, various researchers have concluded that bullying is the most common form of violence, affecting millions of American children and adolescents every year; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Arizona children and adolescents are affected by bullying every year; and

WHEREAS, targets of bullying are more likely to acquire physical, emotional, and learning problems and students who are repeatedly bullied often fear such activities as riding the bus, going to school, and attending community activities; and

WHEREAS, children who bully are at greater risk of engaging in more serious violent behaviors; and

WHEREAS, children who witness bullying often feel less secure, more fearful, and intimidated.

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



*** BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH ***

and I further encourage all Arizona schools, students, parents, community and faith-based organizations to engage in a variety of awareness and prevention activities designed to make our communities safer for all children and adolescents.

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 fifth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** COLLEGE APPLICATION CAMPAIGN MONTH ***

[M15-280]

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is committed to ensuring our children have the education and skills they need to compete in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 percent of high school students say they plan to go to college; and

WHEREAS, only 26 percent of Arizonans over the age of 25 have obtained a bachelor’s degree or higher; and

WHEREAS, more than 68 percent of Arizona’s future jobs will require some form of postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, postsecondary education leads to citizens who are happier and healthier and who are more engaged in their community; and

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

*** COLLEGE APPLICATION CAMPAIGN MONTH ***

and I further urge all Arizonans to recognize the benefit of attaining a postsecondary education and to encourage high school seniors to complete at least one postsecondary education application in the month of November.

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-eighth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the



Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** EMERGENCY NURSES WEEK ***

[M15-285]

WHEREAS, there are approximately 180,000 emergency nurses in the United States who have expertise in caring for all emergency patients across the spectrum of the lifespan: ushering life in at birth and allowing for a dignified death; and

WHEREAS, emergency nurses are highly trained to recognize life-threatening problems and solve them on the spot, playing a vital role in treating patients in emergency situations, caring for those most in need, and saving lives on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, these characteristics provide a broad scope of practice for the delivery of critical and complex care within a limited timeframe to healthcare consumers of all ages and backgrounds. Emergency nurses integrate critical thinking skills and knowledge of evidence-based practice into their delivery of care and decision making; and

WHEREAS, through research, education, and emergency nursing advocacy, the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) supports and honors the advancement of professionalism of emergency nurses everywhere; and

WHEREAS, ENA, the ENA Foundation, and other groups around our country have joined together to honor the extraordinary acts of service, compassion, and commitment that emergency nurses provide to patients every day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 11 - 17, 2015 as

*** EMERGENCY NURSES WEEK ***

and I further recognize the many nurses courageously standing at the front line of emergency care and thank them for their commitment to safe practice and care.

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 second day of October in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
Secretary of State



*** METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY ***

[M15-286]

WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer, also called stage IV or advanced breast cancer, is breast cancer that has spread beyond the breast to other organs in the body. Most common sites are bones, legs, brain and liver; and

WHEREAS, each year approximately 40,000 women and men die of metastatic breast cancer in the United States (740 Arizonans in 2012); and

WHEREAS, an estimated 155,000 Americans are currently living with breast cancer that has spread outside the breast and will never be cancer free; and

WHEREAS, metastatic breast cancer is the initial diagnosis for 6-10 percent of all new cases in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, although metastatic breast cancer cannot be cured, it can be treated. Treatment focuses on controlling the disease and maintaining quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society states that the five-year survival rate after diagnosis for stage IV breast cancer patients is 22 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2015 as

*** METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS 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 second day of October in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK ***

[M15-281]

WHEREAS, all children and youth deserve a free and appropriate public education in a safe and nurturing school environment that promotes cognitive, physical, social and emotional development and encourages family involvement; and

WHEREAS, children learn best in communities where educators are valued and treated with respect, and are learners themselves; and

WHEREAS, supporting diversity among learners contributes to a strong and just society; and



WHEREAS, early effective interventions and collaborative services will best prepare children for success in the future; and

WHEREAS, school psychologists collaborate with key stakeholders in families, schools and communities to promote the healthy development of all children and youth through early interventions and data-based decision making; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Arizona recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in meeting the individual needs of students by supporting their schools and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 9 – 13, 2015 as

*** SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY AWARENESS 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 twenty-eighth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
Secretary of State

*** VETERAN EMPLOYMENT MONTH ***

[M15-282]

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is home to over 625,000 service members, veterans and their families who live throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, these individuals and their families bring valuable skills, knowledge, experience and leadership to our civilian workplaces; and

WHEREAS, military, government and community employment service providers work to connect service members, veterans and their family members with employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, public and private sector organizations seek to strengthen the recruiting, hiring, retention and promotion of military-affiliated employees by being Arizona Veteran Supportive Employers; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and the Arizona Coalition for Military Families are leading the way in bringing together key stakeholders from the public and private sectors to create and implement the Arizona Roadmap to Veteran Employment; and

WHEREAS, the hiring and retention of military-affiliated employees contributes to a strong workforce and economy throughout the State of Arizona.



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

*** VETERAN EMPLOYMENT 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 twenty-eighth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
Secretary of State