



GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS

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

ARIZONA INSURANCE INDUSTRY DAY

[M15-319]

WHEREAS, when people and communities in Arizona need to insure economic risks they cannot afford to bear themselves, it becomes the duty and privilege of the insurance industry to assume these risks and to encourage risk management programs in cooperation with municipal and state authorities; and

WHEREAS, the availability of insurance provides financial stability, minimizing the disruption of lives and the economy in times of catastrophe and loss; and

WHEREAS, ethical conduct, good faith, and fair treatment benefit consumers, claimant, and the insurance industry; and

WHEREAS, the continuing education of men and women serving the insurance industry enhances the quality of service; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Chapter of the Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters was organized to promote continuing education and ethical conduct of insurance professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2015 as

ARIZONA INSURANCE INDUSTRY 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
GOVERNOR**

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourth day of November 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**

COWBOY ARTISTS OF AMERICA WEEK IN ARIZONA

[M15-320]

WHEREAS, the Cowboy Artists of America association was created in Sedona, Arizona on June 23, 1965 by four Arizona artists; Joe Beeler, George Phippen, Johnny Hampton and Charlie Dye, and in this, 2015 their fiftieth year as a continuing organization, have stayed together as an art association longer than any other artist group in history, including the French Impressionists and Taos Artists; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboy Artists of America has included twenty-eight Arizonans as either Active or Honorary members during its 50 years, including such notables as; Kenneth Riley, Ray Swanson, Bill Owen, Senator Barry Goldwater, Thelma Kieckhefer, Eddie Basha, and others; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboy Artists of America held their annual Exhibition and Sale in Phoenix, Arizona from 1973-2010, inspiring hundreds of western artists to paint and sculpt dozens of western art galleries and museum to develop thousands of private corporate collectors in Arizona, which brought untold numbers of visitors, tourists and new residents into our state, while producing an economic boom throughout Arizona in excess of \$100,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Cowboy Artists of America have had many of its members enhance Arizona’s public spaces by honoring notable historic and contemporary citizens with their monumental bronze sculptures; “Thanks for the Rain” in Wickenburg; “Senator Barry Goldwater” at the corner of Tatum Blvd. and Lincoln Dr.; “Passing the Legacy” on N. Marshall Way and the Scottsdale Canal; “An Honest Day’s Work” at Ruger Firearms Factory in Prescott; “Territorial Sheriff” in Glendale at the City Court Complex; “Early Prescott Settlers” in Prescott; a tribute of Highway Patrol, “Memorial to Fallen Officers” at Arizona Department of Public Safety Headquarters; and in Window Rock at the Navajo National Headquarter, the “Navajo Code Talkers Memorial”; and



WHEREAS, the Cowboy Artists of America members are continuing their inspiration, mentoring and influence by creating the CAA Joe Beeler Foundation for art scholarships offered to deserving students, by teaching workshops around Arizona and the nation, as well as the week of November 2 – 6, 2015 at the Scottsdale Artists School; and presenting an historic retrospective exhibition, opening Friday November 6, 2015 – May 30, 2016 at the Scottsdale Museum of the West, “A Salute to Cowboy Artists of America and a Patron, the Late Eddie Basha: 50 Years of Amazing Contributions to the American West.”

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

COWBOY ARTISTS OF AMERICA WEEK 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

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-first 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

CROHN’S AND COLITIS AWARENESS WEEK

[M15-321]

WHEREAS, individuals living with crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis and their families are working with researchers and clinicians to raise awareness; and

WHEREAS, more than 18,000 Arizonans (1 in 200 Americans, 30% of whom are children), live with crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis, serious, debilitating, chronic inflammatory diseases of the gastrointestinal tract with no known cure; and

WHEREAS, through increased awareness of how crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis impact patient’s lives and our health care system costs, we can build a better understanding of improving lives for patients today and through support of research into causes and cures we can discover, develop and deliver paths both preventing these diseases and providing cures for people living with crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States are coming together December 1 – 7, 2015 to raise awareness, promote understanding, support research, express appreciation for family members and caregivers who support them, and make life better for people of all ages living with crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis, and recognizing the Avondale event, “Understanding IBD: What Every Patient Needs To Know,” tailored for spanish speakers, on December 3, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim December 1 - 7, 2015 as

CROHN’S AND COLITIS 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

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of November 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

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DAY

[M15-322]

WHEREAS, Members believe in the principles of America’s founding fathers and pledge to foster patriotism, preserve and defend the Constitution, promote allegiance to *God and Country*, and uphold freedoms of religion, expression, and choice; and



WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary represented by more than 8,000 units in each state and some foreign countries, embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with the American Legion, it solidly stands behind America and her ideals; and

WHEREAS, the nearly 1,000,000 members represent the families of those who are serving, or have served during times of conflict, protecting our freedom; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary of Arizona consists of more than 15,000 members dedicated to veterans, military, families and community; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Auxiliary distinguished themselves in 2014 – 2015 with patriotic mission-focused activities and programs promoting “Faith, Family & Freedom”; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Auxiliary was honored with the American Legion Auxiliary National President’s Award for Excellence, during the 95th annual National Convention in 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim January 9, 2016 as

DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DAY

throughout Arizona and urge all residents to celebrate the accomplishments of the Department of Arizona American Legion Auxiliary and consider volunteering in support of veterans, military, families and youth.

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
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of November 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

JEFF GORDON DAY

[M15-323]

WHEREAS, Jeff Gordon is NASCAR’s four-time champion and ranks No. 3 on the Sprint Cup Series all-time wins list with 93 trips to Victory Lane in 23 full seasons; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Gordon is a past winner at Phoenix International Raceway; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Gordon is known for his charitable generosity. The Jeff Gordon Foundation has worked with many non-profit groups over the years, including Arizona’s own Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Gordon has announced this to be his final year of an historic career; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Gordon is scheduled to race for the final time at Phoenix International Raceway on November 15th for the Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 15, 2015 as

JEFF GORDON 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
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of November 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

**RURAL HEALTH DAY**

[M15-324]

WHEREAS, rural communities in Arizona and throughout the United States are wonderful places to live and work – they are places where people know each other, listen to/respect each other and work together to benefit the community; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s rural population is growing at a rapid rate; and

WHEREAS, rural Arizona is an important economic engine that helps to drive Arizona as a national leader in its recognition and contributions to rural residents; and

WHEREAS, rural residents possess a selfless, creative, community-minded spirit; and

WHEREAS, meeting the unique healthcare needs of those residents is constantly evolving, as rural communities face accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of uninsured and underinsured citizens; and

WHEREAS, ambulatory and emergency medical services are especially critical in rural Arizona; and

WHEREAS, rural hospitals and rural clinics are often the economic foundation of these communities in addition to being their primary providers of health care; and

WHEREAS, rural healthcare systems create valuable opportunities that offer more comprehensive, compassionate, patient-centered and holistic care to patients; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Rural Health Association plays a distinct and critical role by leading community and state-wide efforts to address the unique healthcare needs of our rural citizens; and

WHEREAS, Arizona’s rural residents, the health care systems that serve them, and the friends who advocate for them are recognized herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 19, 2015 as

RURAL HEALTH DAY

and I further encourage citizens to recognize the unique contributions and selfless, “can do” attitudes of our rural communities, the unique healthcare needs and opportunities that exist in these communities, and the Arizona Rural Health Association for the valuable representation and support it provides to rural people and rural services that address the needs and opportunities.

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
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourth day of November 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

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

[M15-325]

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona celebrates our local small businesses and the contribution they make to our local economy and community; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States Small Business Administration (SBA), there are currently 28.4 million small businesses in the United States, they represent more than 99.7 percent of American employers, create approximately two-thirds of the net new jobs; and

WHEREAS, small businesses employ over 56 percent of the private workforce in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 89 percent of consumers agree that small businesses contribute positively to the local community by supplying jobs and generating tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, nationally, 87 percent of consumers agree that small businesses are critical to the overall economic health of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, 93 percent of consumers agree that it is important for people to support the small businesses that they value in their community; and



WHEREAS, the State of Arizona supports our local businesses that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods and advocacy groups, and public and private organizations across the country have endorsed the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday.

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

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

and I further encourage the residents of our community, and communities across the country, to support small businesses and merchants on Small Business Saturday and throughout the year.

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
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixteenth day of November 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

VETERANS DAY

[M15-326]

WHEREAS, Arizona is home to more than half a million military veterans who have helped shape the American character by giving us an extraordinary legacy of patriotism and honor, and representing the highest form of civic virtue and duty; and

WHEREAS, in observance of Veterans Day, we recognize and pay tribute to the heroic men and women of our armed forces who have valiantly defended the values of liberty, opportunity, and justice for all by answering the call of duty and risking their lives to protect their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, November 11, 1918 marked the cessation of hostilities during World War I, "The Great War," when the armistice went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

WHEREAS, with respect for and in recognition of the contributions our servicemen and women have made to the cause of peace and freedom around the world, Congress has officially designated November 11 of each year as a legal public holiday to honor all who have served in America's Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the noble spirit of the American military is a vital part of our nation and our history, and the valor, strength, and courage of the men and women in uniform remain a constant inspiration.

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

VETERANS DAY

and I further call upon all Arizona citizens to remember our civil obligations to our nation's veterans, and to uphold our commitment to the lasting principles defining our country, the principles for which our fellow citizens fought and died.

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
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of November 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