



GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS

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

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

[M16-33]

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual opportunity to recognize the central role of African Americans in our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions of African Americans to our economic, cultural, spiritual, social and political development; and

WHEREAS, the national commemoration of black history in the United States dates back to 1926, and was initially observed the second week in February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass; and

WHEREAS, by the late 1960’s, the week had evolved into Black History Month, thanks in part to the Civil Rights movement and a growing awareness of the African-American experience in our country; and

WHEREAS, Black History month was officially established in 1976 by President Gerald R. Ford, who called on the public to, “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history,” and has since been recognized by every U.S. President; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona honors the significant contributions and advances made by African Americans in our state, across our nation and throughout the world, in such areas as education, medicine, art, culture, public service, economic development, politics and human rights. We see the greatness of America in those who have risen above injustice and enriched our society.

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

BLACK HISTORY 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
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

[M16-34]

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States and Arizona; and

WHEREAS, there were 2,403 Arizonans diagnosed with colorectal cancer in 2011, comprising nine percent of all new cancer cases; and

WHEREAS, surgical cure was usually possible in about 39 percent of these cases because the cancer was discovered before it had spread; and

WHEREAS, the Colon Cancer Alliance – Central Arizona Chapter is a non-profit, non-partisan advocacy group working to reduce the impact of colorectal cancer in Arizona by providing current information and support to patients, survivors, supporters and caregivers, and is working to promote general community awareness and education to aid in the prevention and early detection of colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer often has no symptoms in the earliest and most beatable stages, and often does not show symptoms until the disease is in advanced stages; and

WHEREAS, many cases of colorectal cancer can be cured through early detection; and

WHEREAS, Arizona will observe Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month in March with events taking place throughout the State, including activities to educate colorectal cancer patients, survivors, the healthcare community, and to raise public awareness of colorectal cancer.



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

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

and I further encourage all citizens to learn about the signs and symptoms of this disease and discuss preventative testing with your medical 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
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

JUDGE LEARNED HAND AWARDS DAY

[M16-35]

WHEREAS, the American Jewish Committee (AJC) has for more than 100 years fought for the rights and freedom of people worldwide, and has fostered the values of pluralism and democracy in our State; and

WHEREAS, the AJC established an award for distinguished members of the Bar for their adherence to the values and standards of excellence associated with Judge Learned Hand, who served as a distinguished judge on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York and the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and

WHEREAS, there are members of our Arizona legal community who exemplify the high principles for which Judge Learned Hand was renowned; and

WHEREAS, each spring the AJC honors three of these special individuals with tribute awards; and

WHEREAS, Anthony B. Ching has been awarded the Public Service Award in honor of sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles through work in the non-profit and public sectors; and

WHEREAS, Nancy C. Loftin has been awarded the Community Service Award in appreciation of years of dedication and commitment to the values of community service, and for demonstrating sustained contributions to the advancement of equality and democratic principles; and

WHEREAS, Keith Swisher has been awarded the Emerging Leadership Award in recognition of his commitment to the values of community service while practicing 12 years or less.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 23, 2016 as

JUDGE LEARNED HAND AWARDS 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 twenty-fourth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

NARCOLEPSY AWARENESS DAY

[M16-36]

WHEREAS, narcolepsy is a chronic neurological disorder caused by the brain's inability to regulate sleep-wake cycle; and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy affects an estimated 1 in every 2,000 Americans; and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy is an under-recognized and under-diagnosed condition; and

WHEREAS, the symptoms of narcolepsy, especially when undiagnosed, can lead to accidents, injuries, and problems with learning, and working; and

WHEREAS, narcolepsy affects people neurologically, socially, and emotionally; and



WHEREAS, narcolepsy affects people of all ages, with onset typically between the ages of 15 and 25; and
WHEREAS, Narcolepsy Network is a national organization, based in North Kingstown, RI, created to promote awareness of the disease and support for those who suffer from narcolepsy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 12, 2016 as

NARCOLEPSY 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
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

SAINT PATRICK’S DAY IN ARIZONA

[M16-37]

WHEREAS, since the founding of our state, people of Irish heritage have made their homes in Arizona and many have become leaders in government, education, business and science; and

WHEREAS, the Irish people and culture are an important part of the ethnic tradition of the United States and have played a significant role in the history and development of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, in Ireland and in places recognizing Irish heritage, communities celebrate the legend of Ireland’s patron saint, Patrick, who died on March 17 around 470 A.D.; and

WHEREAS, from our nation’s first St. Patrick’s Day parade in New York City in 1762, festivals, celebrations, and the “wearin’ o’ green” have grown to cities and towns across the country so that this is possibly the only national holiday given such recognition outside of its native land; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix St. Patrick’s Day Parade and Faire is one of the top ten largest and most celebrated St. Patrick’s Day celebrations in the country always celebrated on the Saturday before March 17th and will celebrate its 33rd year on March 12th, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix Irish Cultural Center is an epicenter for Southwestern Irish people; and

WHEREAS, the symbol of St. Patrick’s Day is the Shamrock, which is used to illustrate how the Trinity could exist as separate elements of the same entity. We, as Americans and Arizonans, can also celebrate the shamrock as symbolic of our shared immigrant past.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 17, 2016 as

SAINT PATRICK’S DAY IN ARIZONA

and call upon our citizens to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and celebrations.

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-fourth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:
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