



**GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS**

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

**ADULT LEARN TO SWIM MONTH**

[M16-50]

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona has twenty-four rivers, one hundred and sixty-two lakes, twenty-two reservoirs, nine canals and more than fifty-four public pools; and  
**WHEREAS**, The Centers for Disease Control recognizes that exercising in water offers many physical and mental health benefits; and  
**WHEREAS**, The Centers for Disease Control estimates that thirty-seven percent of adults cannot swim; and  
**WHEREAS**, every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning; of these, two are children aged 14 or younger; and  
**WHEREAS**, drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States and ranks sixth among the leading cause in Arizona; and  
**WHEREAS**, April is the ideal month for this designation as pools and other bodies of water open for the spring and summer seasons; and  
**WHEREAS**, nationally, April is being recognized as Adult Learn to Swim Month, and with the help of state governments throughout our great nation highlighting this lifesaving effort, the commendable goal of making water available for fun, fitness and health to our fellow non-swimming neighbors can be attained.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as**

**ADULT LEARN TO SWIM 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 sixteenth day of March 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**

**ARIZONA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB DAY**

[M16-51]

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Boys and Girls Clubs operate 62 neighborhood clubhouses in 34 cities, 13 counties, 10 Native American communities, and all five military bases throughout Arizona; and  
**WHEREAS**, Arizona Boys and Girls Clubs provide year-round programs in five Core Service Areas: Education & Career Development; Character & Leadership Development; Health & Life Skills; The Arts; and Sports, Fitness & Recreation; and  
**WHEREAS**, Boys and Girls Clubs in Arizona serve 114,250 Arizona children annually; and  
**WHEREAS**, Boys and Girls Clubs exemplify the spirit of Arizona’s volunteerism through a diverse network of local, state, and national volunteers committed to improving the lives of over 3 million young people in America; and  
**WHEREAS**, Boys and Girls Clubs have been investing in Youth Development generally at the local level for the past 60 years in Arizona, setting a shining example of what strong private and public partnerships can accomplish when Arizona communities step up to its responsibilities.  
**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 12, 2016 as**

**ARIZONA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB DAY**

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**GOVERNOR**

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**ATTEST:**



**Michele Reagan**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

**ARIZONA CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

[M16-52]

**WHEREAS**, more than 20 million Americans are victims of crime each year and each crime affects many more, including families, friends, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, crime exacts an emotional, physical, psychological, and financial toll on victims as they have lost loved ones, lifesavings, physical and mental health, and often their sense of security that has the potential to irrevocably change the course of their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona has been a national leader in establishing constitutional rights for crime victims, including the Arizona Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Constitution preserves and protects crime victims' rights, and yet we know these rights, are still too often denied to victims; and

**WHEREAS**, we applaud the progress that our Nation and Arizona have made in recognizing crime's impact on victims and we also recognize that involving survivors helps victims service providers and criminal justice professionals understand the culture, values, and expectations of all victims, but especially under- and unserved victims who seek assistance and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, many victims face challenges in finding appropriate services, and the entire community has a role to play in ensuring that all survivors feel empowered to face their grief, loss, fear, anger, and shame, without fear of judgment and will feel understood and worthy of support; and

**WHEREAS**, serving victims and rebuilding their trust restores hope to victims and survivors, as well as their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, honoring the rights of victims, including the right to be heard and to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect, and working to meet their needs rebuilds their trust in the criminal justice and social service systems; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize that much work remains if we are to achieve the protections that the Arizona Constitution guarantees to crime victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona is hereby dedicated to building partnerships with trusted sources of support, including community leaders, religious groups, schools, and other agencies to better reach and serve all victims of crime, no matter their community; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Arizona and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week, and National Crime Victims' Rights Week is an opportune time to commit to ensuring that all victims of crime – even those who are challenging to reach or serve – are offered accessible and appropriate services in the aftermath of crime.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 10 - 16, 2016 as

**ARIZONA CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

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**ATTEST:**

**Michele Reagan**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

**ARIZONA FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

[M16-53]

**WHEREAS**, the right to fair housing is an important element of the American way of life and is a principle supported by the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, fair housing laws guarantee the right to a housing market free from discrimination based on national origin, race, color, religion, sex, disability and familial status; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona recognizes and values the efforts of those who seek to reduce barriers to full and fair housing opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, we also salute the organizations with a statewide focus in promoting fair housing opportunities for all Arizonans and who consider fair and affordable housing an important element of our society.

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

**ARIZONA FAIR HOUSING MONTH**



and I further recognize the Arizona Fair Housing Partnership which promotes fair housing communities across our state and urge all Arizonans to be good neighbors by honoring fair housing as a positive force.

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**

**ARIZONA NON-PROFIT LEADER DAY**

[M16-54]

**WHEREAS**, non-profit organizations help sustain healthy communities and improve the quality of life for Arizonans and others throughout the country and world-wide; and

**WHEREAS**, the thousands of Arizona based non-profit organizations significantly contribute to Arizona’s critical economy, both by providing jobs and services, and by purchasing goods and services, through expenditures of more than \$16 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona’s non-profit organizations act as responsible stewards of charitable resources, providing important outlets through which our residents can positively impact their community through their time, talent and monetary donations; and

**WHEREAS**, non-profit leaders of Arizona are mission-driven, caring entrepreneurs creating new solutions to problems, while filling unmet needs in the areas of health, housing and shelter, food, employment, education and youth development, research, arts, public safety, disaster preparedness, legal, recreation, sports and more; and

**WHEREAS**, ONE, the Organization for Nonprofit Executives, for the 14<sup>th</sup> year, celebrates the impact and tenacity of Arizona’s non-profit leaders through its annual Non-Profit Leader Day and Director of the Year Awards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 29, 2016 as

**ARIZONA NON-PROFIT LEADER DAY**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**

**ARIZONA SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

[M16-55]

**WHEREAS**, each year, the nation’s underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to call 811 and have underground lines located prior to digging; and

**WHEREAS**, undesired consequences such as serious and fatal injuries, interruption of vital services and damage to the environment are the potential results; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Ground Alliance and its 1500 members, including Arizona 811, promote the National Call-before-you-dig-number, 811, in an effort to reduce these damages; and

**WHEREAS**, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local one call center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

**WHEREAS**, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 before any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and digging with care around the marks; and

**WHEREAS**, all parties agree that safe digging is no accident and protecting the public and preventing damage to underground utilities is a shared responsibility.

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

**ARIZONA SAFE DIGGING MONTH**

and I further encourage excavators and homeowners throughout Arizona to always call 811 before digging.

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**ATTEST:**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

[M16-57]

**WHEREAS**, in Fiscal Year 2015, Arizona's Department of Child Safety received over 51,767 reports involving alleged maltreatment; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect is an important societal concern that may affect the long-term health and well-being of not only the children, but also the adults they become; and

**WHEREAS**, placing a high priority on safety, permanency and well-being of children resulted in 6,330 children reunified with their parents and 3,240 children received a forever family through finalized adoptions; and

**WHEREAS**, safe, stable and nurturing relationships and communities can break the cycle of abuse and maltreatment; and  
**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention requires a coordinated and comprehensive response by all systems touching children and youth (e.g., schools, law enforcement, health systems, faith-based organizations, families and community programs); and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect are preventable. State and local governments, community organizations, and private citizens take action every day to protect children; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention works! Arizona celebrates 25 years of Regional Child Abuse Prevention Councils and Healthy Families Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, if you suspect child abuse or neglect is happening, call Arizona's Statewide Child Abuse Hotline or law enforcement immediately.

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

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

and I further call upon the communities and individual citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to strengthen families, protect children, and prevent child abuse and neglect.

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**ATTEST:**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**

**LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

[M16-58]

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract and other types of cancers; and

**WHEREAS**, Lynch syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a litany of cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early onset age – the risk includes up to 80% for colorectal cancer, 20-60% risk for endometrial cancer, 9-12% for ovarian cancer, 11-19% for gastric cancer, and 4-5% for urinary tract; and

**WHEREAS**, geneticists have projected that 600,000 to 1,000,000 persons throughout the U.S. alone have Lynch syndrome, including one in every 440 persons, and studies show that only 5-10% have been diagnosed with Lynch syndrome; and



**WHEREAS**, every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and prompt genetic testing; and  
**WHEREAS**, every person newly diagnosed with colorectal cancer or endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and genetic testing; and  
**WHEREAS**, a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary or familial, qualify affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests and growths, polyps, and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before becoming life threatening; and  
**WHEREAS**, having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and  
**WHEREAS**, on this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome and encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2016 as

**LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY**

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**POW REMEMBRANCE DAY**

[M16-59]

**WHEREAS**, during the first year of World War II, Japanese forces invaded the Philippines and on April 9, 1942, tens of thousands of American and Filipino forces were forced to march from the southern end of the Bataan Peninsula. This resulted in the loss of an estimated 7,000 to 10,000 prisoners who suffered unspeakable atrocities endured along this journey that has become known as the Bataan Death March, and those who survived the March faced the hardships of a prisoner of war camp; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout American history, members of our country’s armed forces have made uncommon sacrifices as Prisoners of War, serving their country under conditions of extreme hardship, while remaining steadfast even when their treatment violated fundamental standards of morality and international codes of conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans held as POWs have earned our respect for their courage and devotion to duty and therefore it is appropriate that we salute our POWs who, in the act of serving our Nation, relinquished their freedom to protect the liberty we enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, the State of Arizona observes April 9th as POW Remembrance Day to honor the men and women who have served their country so faithfully.

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

**POW REMEMBRANCE DAY**

in honor of the American heroes who have been taken as POWs and to remember their legacy of bravery and selflessness as Prisoners of War. Further, I call upon teachers and students to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities and urge all Arizonans to contemplate the plight of Americans who have been held captive of an enemy nation.

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