



GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS

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

ACCESS TO JUSTICE MONTH

[M16-62]

WHEREAS, as citizens we commit ourselves to the goal of equal justice for all; and
WHEREAS, promotion of access to justice for all Arizonans helps build public confidence in our legal system; and
WHEREAS, most of the clients for indigent legal services are women, and many of them are mothers or victims of domestic violence; and
WHEREAS, ensuring that persons who cannot afford lawyers are able to obtain representation helps to preserve families, to protect victims of crime, and to strengthen our communities; and
WHEREAS, many organizations and individuals – lawyers and non-lawyers – work valiantly to promote access to justice, and their efforts deserve our support and recognition; and
WHEREAS, we celebrate over 100 years of Arizona’s legal community and judiciary working to assure equal access to justice for all Arizonans.

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

ACCESS TO JUSTICE 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 eighth 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 ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

[M16-63]

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young people ages 10-21; and
WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and
WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are six times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and
WHEREAS, people aged 12-20 drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States and more than 90% of this alcohol is consumed in the form of binge drinks; and
WHEREAS, in Arizona, 40.6% of twelfth graders consumed alcohol in the past 30 days; and
WHEREAS, kids who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crime, to be involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and to have serious school-related problems; and
WHEREAS, a supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents; Talk Early, Talk Often: Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use; and
WHEREAS, kids who have conversations with their parents and learn about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don’t have such conversations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

ARIZONA ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

and I also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges in Arizona to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together, we can provide Hope, Help and Healing for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse.

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 eighth 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 SMOKE-FREE DAY

[M16-66]

WHEREAS, it is known that tobacco users have significantly increased likelihoods of tobacco-related disease, disability, and early death; and

WHEREAS, it is known that Arizona citizens under the age of 21 who do not initiate tobacco use are more likely to remain tobacco-free for their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, it is known that tobacco users who quit today will immediately begin to reverse its adverse effects, reduce their chance of disease, disability, and death from a tobacco-related disease, and will immediately begin to protect those around them; and

WHEREAS, youth in 30 coalitions across the state of Arizona are actively and civically engaged in educating their peers, families and communities against the harmful effects of tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services supports education, training, and encouragement of 30 youth tobacco use prevention coalitions belonging to STAND (Students Taking a New Direction) across the State of Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2016 as

ARIZONA SMOKE-FREE DAY

and I further urge citizens to join in efforts to raise awareness of the problem of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, and the end the tobacco epidemic for good.

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GOVERNOR

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ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
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AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

[M16-56]

WHEREAS, autism, the fastest growing development disability in the United States, affecting more than three million people, is an urgent public health crisis that demands a national response; and

WHEREAS, autism is the result of a neurological disorder that affects the normal functioning of the human brain, and can affect anyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, symptoms and characteristics of autism may present themselves in a variety of combinations and can result in significant lifelong impairment of an individual's ability to learn, develop healthy interactive behaviors, understand verbal as well as non-verbal communication; and

WHEREAS, as the effort to address autism continues, doctors, therapists, and educators can help persons with autism overcome or adjust to its challenges and provide early, accurate diagnosis and the resulting appropriate education, intervention, and therapy that are vital to future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that persons living with autism have access to the lifelong care and services needed to pursue the full measure of personal happiness and achieve their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is honored to take part in the annual observance of Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day, April 2, 2016, in the hope that it will lead to a better understanding of this disorder.

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

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

and I further encourage all citizens to raise public awareness of autism and the myriad of issues surrounding autism, as well as to increase knowledge of the programs that have been and are being developed to support individuals with autism and their families.



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Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth 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

COWBOY POETRY WEEK

[M16-67]

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the American West and through today, cowboy poets play a large part in preserving our western heritage and the culture of Arizona through poetry; and

WHEREAS, the long tradition and enduring qualities of these old poems and their stories demonstrate that cowboy poetry is part of a long-cherished legacy as well as today’s vibrant working West; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has produced numerous well-respected cowboy poets and has hosted major cowboy poetry events, including gatherings in Prescott, Sierra Vista, and other locations; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the contributions of these poets dates as far back as cowboys themselves and reflects the true culture, traditions and values of this great State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 17 – 23, 2016 as

COWBOY POETRY WEEK

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

[M16-68]

WHEREAS, approximately 116,635 adults and children, and at least 30 percent of Arizonans, have or care for someone with a developmental disability; and

WHEREAS, Arizonans with and without disabilities live and work side by side in communities across the Grand Canyon State; and

WHEREAS, every person, regardless of ability, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn and the potential to make important contributions to their local communities; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities in Arizona seek to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, and family and community ties with more than 6 million neighbors statewide, along with the support of passionate caregivers and policymakers working towards this goal; and

WHEREAS, families and caregivers of people with developmental disabilities deserve our admiration and recognition for their caring commitment and ongoing support essential to an independent and productive life; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an opportune time to recognize Arizona’s public policy accomplishments concerning people with disabilities and to continue the evolution of public policy that creates full inclusion for individuals with developmental disabilities.

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

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all residents to join in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

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ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

[M16-69]

WHEREAS, esophageal cancer is among the deadliest and fastest growing cancer diagnoses in our nation; and
WHEREAS, esophageal cancer is a disease in which cancer cells form in the tissues of the esophagus, often preceded by symptoms of pain or difficulty swallowing, indigestion, heartburn, hoarseness and coughing; risk factors for esophageal cancer include gastric reflux, heavy alcohol and tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, esophageal cancer is often discovered during advanced stages, but if discovered early, chances for recovery and survival are far better, and treatments for the disease include surgery, chemotherapy, radiation, laser therapy and electrocoagulation; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, we raise awareness of esophageal cancer in Arizona, encouraging citizens to pay attention to esophageal cancer symptoms in order to promote early detection and treatment.

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

ESOPHAGEAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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GOLDEN RULE DAY

[M16-70]

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona believes in the teaching of the Golden Rule; and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years, the Golden Rule, which says “treat others the way you want to be treated,” has been affirmed in many religions, traditions, indigenous cultures, and secular philosophies as a fundamental principle of life and the foundation upon which the base of a global ethic is found; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Rule is a universal message which is accepted and embraced throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Rule is a tool to educate people about respect and mutual esteem in order to achieve peaceful coexistence and solidarity among members of different ethnic groups, cultures and religions; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Rule plays a role in promoting the culture of dialogue so that understanding and trust may develop among individuals and people as these are the conditions of authentic peace; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Rule message is simple, universal and powerful, and it is the most prevalent and universal moral principle in human history; and

WHEREAS, welcoming the initiative of interfaith peace-building initiatives, to proclaim a Golden Rule Day to create more awareness of the teaching of the Golden Rule.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 5, 2016 as

GOLDEN RULE DAY

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PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH

[M16-71]

WHEREAS, since April is the birth month of Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the first American manual of parliamentary procedure in 1801, it is an appropriate time to honor him and celebrate the use of parliamentary procedure; and
WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor Henry Martyn Robert, author of Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies, also known as Robert's Rules of Order, and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised is the most widely recognized and used parliamentary authority in public and private organizations; and
WHEREAS, it is timely to reflect upon the importance of parliamentary procedure in providing for civil discourse, protecting individual rights, ensuring fairness, and in maintaining order in meetings; and
WHEREAS, the National Association of Parliamentarians is a professional society dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure and has, by adoption of a standing rule, designated the month of April as Parliamentary Law Month; and
WHEREAS, the purpose of the Arizona State Association of Parliamentarians is to promote the educational program of National Association of Parliamentarians and to spread the knowledge of parliamentary law and to provide opportunity for courses of study; and
WHEREAS, during the month of April the Arizona State Association of Parliamentarians is celebrating Parliamentary Law Month to further the awareness of parliamentary law's impact on business and communities in effective meeting management through the use of Parliamentary Procedure.

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

PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH

and I urge all citizens to join in recognizing this honor and extending sincere appreciation to the members of the Arizona State Association of Parliamentarians.

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TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

[M16-72]

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury is a public health problem that impacts a reported 1.7 million people in the United States annually; and
WHEREAS, of these individuals, 80,000 to 90,000 sustain permanent disability; and
WHEREAS, in Arizona there were a reported 1,233 deaths, 6,581 hospitalizations, and 54,310 emergency department visits in 2014 resulting in over \$574 million in hospital charges due to Traumatic Brain Injury; and
WHEREAS, unintentional injuries accounted for 86 percent of traumatic brain injury hospitalizations; and
WHEREAS, amongst Arizona residents traumatic brain injury resulting in emergency department visits were highest among children younger than one year of age; and
WHEREAS, most traumatic brain injuries are predictable and preventable through the understanding of associated risk factors.

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TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

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