



GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS

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

ARIZONA DAY OF PRAYER

[M16-73]

WHEREAS, the religious freedom guaranteed and protected by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and the diversity of faiths practiced in America have made our land a beacon for people who seek freedom to worship according to their conscience; and

WHEREAS, Americans of every race, background and creed come together in churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and their own homes to pray for guidance, wisdom and courage; and

WHEREAS, just as we rely on prayer for courage, hope and renewal in our private lives, so likewise do we turn to prayer at times of joy, crisis and tragedy in our public life as a Nation and a State; and

WHEREAS, Congress, by Public Law 100-307, has called on our citizens to reaffirm the role of prayer in our society and to honor the religious diversity our freedom permits by recognizing annually a National Day of Prayer; and

WHEREAS, we are especially mindful of the heroic men and women in our Armed Forces, especially those serving abroad.

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

ARIZONA DAY OF PRAYER

throughout the State of 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 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 TARTAN DAY

[M16-89]

WHEREAS, Arizona is proud to celebrate its ethnic diversity, and the people of Arizona are fortunate to have organizations, families and individuals who are passionate about their ancestry; and

WHEREAS, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, signed April 6, 1320, and the Scottish National Covenant of 1638 strongly influenced the framing of America’s Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution over 400 and 100 years later, respectively; and

WHEREAS, National Tartan Day has been celebrated on April 6th across the United States since 1997 and recognizes that Scottish Americans have played an important role throughout American history. As some of the first immigrants to settle in America, Scottish Americans have made enduring contributions to our society in the arts and sciences, politics and government, technology and mathematics, military service and many other fields; and

WHEREAS, the people of Arizona recognize the heritage of Arizonans of Scottish descent and the symbolism and pride that comes from the wearing of the tartan and colors of their families, ancestral home and country of national origin.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2016 as

ARIZONA TARTAN DAY

and encourage all Arizonans to observe and celebrate with appropriate ceremonies and dress, including the tartans representing our state, the Arizona Flag tartan and the Arizona Scottish tartan, and to recognize the many contributions that Scottish Americans have made to our great State and Nation.

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 seventeenth 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

COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

[M16-91]

WHEREAS, counties play an essential role in keeping Arizona's communities safe and secure by preserving public health and well-being, ensuring public safety, and promoting local economies and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, counties take seriously their leadership role in protecting and enhancing the health, welfare and safety of citizens in its community and provide the tools to deliver more effective and higher quality services while containing costs with the efficient use of local tax dollars, with the goal to strengthen Arizona's economies; and

WHEREAS, in order to remain healthy, vibrant, safe, and economically competitive, counties provide public health, justice, emergency management, and economic services that play a key role in every aspect from residents' daily health to disaster response; and

WHEREAS, there are 15 counties in the State of Arizona collectively responsible for and serving the needs of every resident of the State; and

WHEREAS, Arizona counties reflect the wide diversity of people, culture, and landscape in our State; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by the State's counties.

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

COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH

in recognition of the leadership, innovation and invaluable service provided by all Arizona counties.

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 seventeenth 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

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

[M16-85]

WHEREAS, all children deserve to grow up safe, loved and well-cared for; and

WHEREAS, the family, serving as the children's primary source of safety, love, identity, self-esteem and support, is the very foundation of our communities and our State; and

WHEREAS, all children in foster care need a meaningful connection to caring adults who provide a supportive and lasting presence in their lives; and

WHEREAS, foster, kinship and adoptive families open their homes and hearts to support children whose families are in crisis and play a vital role in helping children and families heal; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent and ongoing need for foster families to care for the many children who are unable to safely reunite with their families; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous individuals, public and private organizations who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children in foster care, to support children who leave foster care, and to recognize the enduring and valuable contribution of foster parents; and

WHEREAS, Foster Care Awareness Month is a time for all Arizonans to show their support in ensuring a bright future for Arizona's children in foster care by recognizing the people who take on the joys and responsibilities of caring for children who cannot remain safely in their homes.

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

FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH



and I further urge all citizens to come forward and do something positive that will help change a lifetime for children in foster 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
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirtieth 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

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

[M16-76]

WHEREAS, public works infrastructure, facilities and services are of vital importance to sustainable communities and the health, safety and well-being of the people of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, such facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees from state and local government and the private sector, who are responsible for and who plan, design, build, operate, and maintain the transportation, water supply, water treatment, public buildings, structures and facilities, and who deliver solid waste services, transit, and fleet services which are essential to serve our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to gain knowledge of and to maintain an interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2016 marks the 56th Annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 15 – 21, 2016 as

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

and I further urge all Arizonans to join with representatives of the Arizona Chapter of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they have made to our national health, safety, welfare and quality of life.

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 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

WATER SAFETY MONTH

[M16-77]

WHEREAS, we recognize the vital role that swimming and other aquatic activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to understand the crucial role that water safety education plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

WHEREAS, significant contributions are made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing healthy places to play, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the on-going efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation and parks industries; and

WHEREAS, Arizona residents understand the vital importance of communicating water safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks.



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

WATER SAFETY 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 March 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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