



**GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS**

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

**ARIZONA CELTIC MONTH**

[M16-88]

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona recognizes the Celtic culture and people representing and celebrating all things Celtic; and **WHEREAS**, the Caledonian Society of Arizona is the single largest Celtic organization in the State of Arizona whose mission is to promote Scottish culture through art, education and athletics; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the Caledonian Society of Arizona grants scholarships to aspiring and professional Highland athletes, musicians and dancers and/or any other individuals or organizations whose mission, project or program promotes Scottish heritage and also hosts The Arizona Scottish Highland Gathering & Highland Games; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona Celtic Month was established to encourage people of diverse cultural backgrounds to participate and enjoy all of the Celtic events which take place within the State of Arizona during the month of March; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Scottish Highland Games & Clan Gathering is the longest running event having the greatest economic impact to the Celtic community.

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

**ARIZONA CELTIC 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 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**

**CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK**

[M16-90]

**WHEREAS**, Arizona law defines consumer fraud as including any deception, unfair act or practice, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation or omission made by a seller or advertiser of merchandise; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the responsibilities entrusted to the Attorney General of the State of Arizona is protecting the public from consumer fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney General provides advocacy and public education on consumer protection issues with an emphasis on fraud and abuse

**WHEREAS**, according to the Attorney General’s Office, it has received nearly 16,000 consumer complaints since 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney General’s Office reports that it has distributed over \$3.1 million in restitution to approximately 9,900 victims of consumer fraud and recovered more than \$2.2 million for consumers who filed complaints with the Attorney General’s Office over this same time period; and

**WHEREAS**, March 6 – 12, 2016 is National Consumer Protection Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 6 - 12, 2016 as

**CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK**

and I encourage all Arizonans to better familiarize themselves of their rights and protections as consumers, the potential for fraudulent activity in their consumer purchases and of the enforcement procedures that can be undertaken against persons who violate Arizona’s consumer protection laws.



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**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**

#### **DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

[M16-92]

**WHEREAS**, Down Syndrome is the most commonly occurring genetic condition in the world; and

**WHEREAS**, its estimated that one in every 600 – 700 children in the United States, from all ethnic and social backgrounds, are born with Down Syndrome, with approximately 160 births a year in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, each individual has their own unique personality, capabilities and talents; and

**WHEREAS**, with the appropriate education, therapy, social support and opportunities, the majority of individuals with Down Syndrome will live fulfilling and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, while individuals with Down Syndrome possess a wide range of abilities and are benefiting from important advances in research, education and health care, there is still a need to increase awareness and tolerance of children and adults with Down Syndrome.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2016 as

#### **DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**

#### **RED LIGHT RUNNING AWARENESS MONTH**

[M16-93]

**WHEREAS**, red light, yield and stop sign running is the leading cause of urban crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, motorists, passengers and pedestrians are more likely to be injured or killed in crashes caused by red light running than any other type; and

**WHEREAS**, tens of thousands of innocent people survive the impact of intersection crashes only to suffer permanent, incapacitating injuries often requiring expensive, prolonged medical care and rehabilitation; and

**WHEREAS**, car crashes are the number one killer of teens and young adults in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Means Stop Traffic Safety Alliance, DrivingMBA, State Farm Insurance Co., AAA Arizona and local, state and national agencies are advocating for education and awareness programs to change driver behavior, reduce crashes and save lives.

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

#### **RED LIGHT RUNNING AWARENESS MONTH**

and I further encourage all residents to support the efforts to raise awareness to the dangers of red light running, and to do all they can to stop red light running on our roadways.

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**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

[M16-94]

**WHEREAS**, teen dating violence crosses race, gender, and socioeconomic lines; and

**WHEREAS**, one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner; and

**WHEREAS**, females between the ages 16 - 24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence than any other age group – at a rate almost triple the national average

**WHEREAS**, 10.7 percent of high school students reported being hit, slapped, pushed, shoved, kicked or any other way physically assaulted by their boyfriend or girlfriend during the past year in the 2014 Arizona Youth Survey; and

**WHEREAS**, a violent relationship during adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims, including placing them at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult re-victimization; and

**WHEREAS**, only 33 percent of affected teens tell someone they were being physically or sexually abused by a dating partner and 81 percent of parents surveyed believe dating violence is not a problem or admit they do not know it is a problem; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Youth Commission will unite youth across the state with a social media campaign to promote respect and healthy relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, by providing young people with education about healthy relationships, building relationship skills, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to raise awareness among communities and to provide training for teachers, counselors, and school staff so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence.

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

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

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