



**GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS**

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

**ARACHNOIDITIS AWARENESS MONTH**

[M16-187]

**WHEREAS**, arachnoiditis is a debilitating, progressive, multi-symptom, neurological disease that simultaneously involves the central nervous system affecting a range up to 51 percent of pain patients with injurious events; and

**WHEREAS**, arachnoiditis attacks the function of the spinal cord, the afferent and efferent nerve pathways, and the pia-arachnoid sheath causing inflammation; and

**WHEREAS**, this progression of disease processes leads to a host of secondary symptoms indicative of severe injury to the central nervous system; and

**WHEREAS**, arachnoiditis knows no age limit, and if left unrecognized, untreated, or mistreated, leads to a variety of symptoms that may result in devastating consequences which can impair the person’s ability to function independently to meet their activities of daily living, employment, and lead to total disability; and

**WHEREAS**, prevention of this injury is paramount, and early diagnosis and intervention is crucial, and correct treatment by a qualified medical professional can lead to positive results before arachnoiditis progresses and treatment becomes increasingly difficult; and

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

**ARACHNOIDITIS AWARENESS 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-sixth day of May 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 GEAR UP WEEK**

[M16-178]

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is dedicated to helping every student graduate from high school prepared to succeed in college and the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP) is a federally-funded college access program designed to increase the number of high school graduates prepared for college and careers; and

**WHEREAS**, GEAR UP focuses on students from underserved communities who might be the first person in their family to enter and succeed in postsecondary education; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona’s GEAR UP schools have high expectations for all students and provide varied and proven strategies for increasing high school graduation and college and career readiness in Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona GEAR UP 2012 - 2019 will continue the successful GEAR UP cohort model implemented over the past decade and includes the Middle Grade Initiative which will significantly improve the college and career readiness of the state’s middle school students; and

**WHEREAS**, thousands of Arizona’s students have succeeded in achieving the dream of going to college as a result of 13 six-year GEAR UP grants awarded in Arizona since 1999 – three state grants and ten partnership grants.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 19 – 23, 2016 as

**ARIZONA GEAR UP WEEK**



**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 June 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**

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS MONTH**

[M16-180]

**WHEREAS**, muscular dystrophy is not a single disease or disorder that effects everyone the same way but an umbrella term covering more than 52 different types of muscular and neuromuscular diseases ranging in severity; and

**WHEREAS**, all muscular dystrophies result in progressive muscle weakness, from mild muscle weakness to complete paralysis of all voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and/or swallowing; and

**WHEREAS**, muscular dystrophy strikes people regardless of race, sex, age or ethnicity; and

**WHEREAS**, raising public awareness of these diseases will continue to facilitate the discovery of treatments and cures, as well as bring much needed funding for support and services for families in the State of Arizona affected by muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month and “Light it Up Green for MD” Month is a special opportunity to educate the public about muscular dystrophy and issues in the muscular dystrophy community.

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

**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS 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 June 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**