



GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS

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

ABILITY EXPERIENCE DAY

[M16-270]

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona welcomes The Ability Experience, Journey of Hope cyclists the week of June 23 – 30; and **WHEREAS**, The Ability Experience is the philanthropic organizations of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, and since its founding in 1977, has supported the mission using shared experiences to support people with disabilities and develop the men of Pi Kappa Phi into servant leaders; and **WHEREAS**, The Ability Experience has raised over \$17 million to benefit people with disabilities and organizations dedicated to their service, and through projects like Journey of Hope, helps the lives of people with disabilities throughout the country; and **WHEREAS**, Journey of Hope is an annual 64 day bike ride from Long Beach, California traveling over 3,500 miles to their final destination in Washington, D.C., spreading its message of understanding and empathy for individuals with disabilities. They will ride through seven cities in Arizona, entering the State in Bullhead City traveling to Tempe, departing through Lakeside over the course of seven days; and **WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona commends Pi Kappa Phi and The Ability Experience on its efforts to instill awareness and understanding of people with disabilities and wishes the Journey of Hope riders a joyous visit and a successful trip. **NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2016 as**

ABILITY EXPERIENCE DAY

and I encourage all citizens to welcome The Ability Experience cyclists in our cities and celebrate their dedicated efforts to increase awareness and acceptance for people with disabilities.

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 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

ARIZONA STEEL DAY

[M16-271]

WHEREAS, the structural steel industry annually provides structural steel framing systems for more than 500 million square feet of new building construction throughout Arizona and other states; and **WHEREAS**, the structural steel industry provides employment for more than 160,000 workers in Arizona and other states; and **WHEREAS**, the structural steel industry has demonstrated a significant commitment to sustainable construction through the use of structural steel products made from 93 percent recycled materials from old cars, appliances, stoves, manufacturing waste, curb-side recycling and deconstructed buildings; and **WHEREAS**, 98 percent of the structural steel in a building is recycled at the end of the building’s life; and **WHEREAS**, structural steel’s high strength-to-weight ratio and low carbon footprint help to minimize environmental impacts; and **WHEREAS**, the American Institute of Steel Construction has declared September 30, 2016 as Steel Day throughout the United States with more than 150 events held nationwide. **NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2016 as**



ARIZONA STEEL DAY

in recognition of the contribution of the Arizona structural steel industry to the economy and infrastructure of 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 eleventh day of July in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE

ARIZONA SERBIAN AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS DAY

[M16-272]

WHEREAS, many Arizona citizens are of Serbian American Heritage and have greatly contributed to business and economic growth as well as the quality of our American way of life in the Great State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the St. Sava Arizona Serbian American Professional and Business Network encourages professional and business growth, development, and innovation, deserving of being hereinafter recognized for their ongoing business education, scholarship and cultural events throughout each year; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona wishes to honor our Arizonans of Serbian decent for the contributions of their culture to our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 13, 2016 as

ARIZONA SERBIAN AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS DAY

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 thirteenth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE

AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN DAY

[M16-273]

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the commemoration of the 69th Anniversary of the Marshall Plan, which greatly assisted in turning Austria from a war-ravaged ruin into a prosperous democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Austrian Society of Arizona, Austrian-American Councils and Austrian-American friendship groups of the United States will celebrate the 20th official "Austrian-American Day" on September 26, 2016, as a solemn reminder of the establishment of the first provisional Austrian post-war government on September 26, 1945; and

WHEREAS, the people of America and Austria are united in friendship and exhibit a camaraderie that transcends physical distance, facilitated by shared goals and interests; and

WHEREAS, the cultural, intellectual, economic, political, scientific, and social contributions of the Austrian people have become a necessary and integral part of American society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2016 as

AUSTRIAN-AMERICAN DAY

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 eleventh day of July in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

GASTROPARESIS AWARENESS MONTH

[M16-274]

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is a chronic illness that affects approximately 1.5 million people in the United States; yet is little known to those in our state; and

WHEREAS, gastroparesis is “paralysis of the stomach” which causes sometimes debilitating pain, nausea, vomiting, early satiety, and can lead to serious complications such as malnourishment, dehydration, extreme weight loss, and overwhelming fatigue; and

WHEREAS, there is little awareness, no known cure, and few effective treatment options or medications; and

WHEREAS, more research is needed to improve medications and develop additional treatment options, better support, and hope for our future; and

WHEREAS, we seek to educate the medical community and the general public regarding the devastating effects of this disorder and promote awareness of our condition for the good of the public health.

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

GASTROPARESIS 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 thirteenth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AWARENESS MONTH

[M16-275]

WHEREAS, Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is the leading genetic cause of death in children under the age of two and 1 in 40 Americans carry the gene that causes SMA which is known to cause degeneration in voluntary muscle movement for those living with the condition; and

WHEREAS, SMA is a motor neuron condition which affects the voluntary muscles that are used for activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control, and swallowing, and there is currently no treatment or cure for SMA; and

WHEREAS, SMA crosses all racial, ethnic and religious boundaries, and can occur in anyone of any age, race or gender; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of SMA will lead to increased knowledge and increased support for families affected by the condition and research, hopefully leading to effective treatment and a cure; and

WHEREAS, August is designated as National Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month in order to raise awareness and help promote research into this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS, our local Arizona Chapter can offer family support, resources, assistance in finding knowledgeable medical professionals and helping to gain necessary equipment to our families impacted by SMA.

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

**SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY 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 thirteenth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE

STEPFAMILY DAY

[M16-276]

WHEREAS, National Stepfamily Day is enhanced by our strong commitment to support the stepfamilies of our nation in their mission to raise their children, create strong family structures to support the individual members of the family, and instill in them a sense of responsibility to all extended family members; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of all Americans are currently involved in some form of stepfamily relationship; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has been blessed by loving stepparents and stepchildren who are daily reminders of the joy, trials and triumphs of the stepfamily experience and the boundless love contained in the bond between all types of parents and children; and

WHEREAS, National Stepfamily Day is a day to celebrate the many invaluable contributions stepfamilies have made to enriching the lives and life experience of the children and parents of America and to strengthening the fabric of American families and society.

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

STEPFAMILY DAY

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-second day of July in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE

YARNELL 19 REMEMBRANCE DAY

[M16-277]

WHEREAS, firefighters and first responders across Arizona risk their lives every day to protect communities and keep citizens out of harm's way; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2013, Arizona lost 19 Granite Mountain Hotshots battling the Yarnell Hill Fire – the deadliest blaze in state history; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of these brave men remind us that, for our firefighters on the front lines, no day on the job is routine, and by placing the safety and well-being of others above their own, they are true heroes; and

WHEREAS, Arizonans are eternally indebted to our “Yarnell 19,” and will forever honor them and their families in prayer and gratitude; and

WHEREAS, on this solemn three-year anniversary of the Yarnell Hill Fire, the hearts of Arizonans are with the Yarnell 19 – Andrew Ashcraft, Robert Caldwell, Travis Carter, Dustin James DeFord, Chris Mackenzie, Eric Shane Marsh, Grant Quinn McKee, Sean Michael Misner, Scott Daniel Norris, Wade Scott Parker, John Joseph Percin, Jr., Anthony Michael Rose, Jesse James Steed, Joe Thurston, Travis Turbyfill, William Howard “Billy” Warneke, Clayton Thomas Whitted, Kevin Woyjeck and Garret Zuppiger – as well as with their loved ones, the Yarnell community and all who serve and sacrifice for our safety.



NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2016 as

YARNELL 19 REMEMBRANCE DAY

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 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