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CHAPTER 57

## **HOUSE BILL 2432**

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 1-314; RELATING TO HOLIDAYS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 1, chapter 3, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is  
3 amended by adding section 1-314, to read:

4 1-314. Arizona first responders' day of gratitude and  
5 remembrance

6 A. SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SEVENTH, IN EACH YEAR, SHALL BE OBSERVED AS  
7 ARIZONA FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY OF GRATITUDE AND REMEMBRANCE.

8 B. ARIZONA FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY OF GRATITUDE AND REMEMBRANCE IS NOT A  
9 LEGAL HOLIDAY.

10 C. ON ARIZONA FIRST RESPONDERS' DAY OF GRATITUDE AND REMEMBRANCE,  
11 RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE ARE ENCOURAGED TO DEMONSTRATE APPRECIATION AND PAY  
12 TRIBUTE TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF THIS STATE, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, FOR  
13 THEIR EXTRAORDINARY DEDICATION TO PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE PUBLIC PEACE  
14 AND SAFETY.

15 Sec. 2. Legislative findings

16 The legislature finds that:

17 1. First responders risk their own safety and personal property in the  
18 execution of their duties to protect the public on a daily basis.

19 2. First responders are the first line of defense for the public  
20 against threats, both domestic and foreign.

21 3. First responders stand at the ready to come to the aid of the  
22 citizens of the United States twenty-four hours a day.

23 4. First responders are a vital part of our communities, not only  
24 standing ready to deal with emergencies but also volunteering in our schools  
25 and community organizations.

26 5. Individuals, both career and volunteer, from police, fire,  
27 emergency medical services, search and rescue and other organizations in the  
28 public safety sector, come together as a collective to aid the public in the  
29 event of an emergency.

30 6. The governors of the states of Illinois, Oregon, Kentucky and  
31 Wisconsin have issued proclamations designating September 27 as first  
32 responders' appreciation day.

33 7. The city of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio and the state of Colorado have  
34 also celebrated first responders' appreciation day.

35 8. The legislature of this state wishes to honor and support all first  
36 responders with an annual day of appreciation.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 23, 2015.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 23, 2015.

Passed the House February 3, 20 15

by the following vote: 59 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]  
Speaker of the House

[Signature]  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 18, 20 15

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]  
President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill received by the Governor this

19th day of March, 20 15

at 8:35 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 23rd day of

March

at 10:46 o'clock A. M.

[Signature]  
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill received by the Secretary of State

this 23rd day of March, 20 15

at 4:36 o'clock P. M.

[Signature]  
Secretary of State

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