

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF  
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS  
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR  
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

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**Executive Order 2007-16  
Establishing the Arizona Uniform State Laws Commission**

[M07-432]

**WHEREAS**, Arizona has benefited greatly from the work of uniform laws commissions nationally and in state and has adopted no fewer than 90 laws drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; and

**WHEREAS**, uniformity is helpful and may even be essential in certain areas of the law to promote commerce, enhance legal certainty, and avoid unjust disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, states working together to craft uniform laws have helped to avoid federal intrusion and preemption in many areas that have traditionally been matters of state and local concern; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that Arizona remain well advised on and participate in the development of uniform laws nationally; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's Uniform Laws Commission was de-funded and repealed as part of this year's budget; and

**WHEREAS**, despite such de-funding, the need for a uniform laws commission remains high; and

**WHEREAS**, through the outstanding community service of pro bono attorneys across the state, the state can continue to have a functioning uniform laws commission until such time as funding is restored by the Legislature;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, hereby order as follows:

1. There is hereby re-established an Arizona Uniform State Laws Commission (the "Commission").
2. The Commission shall include four attorney members, each of whom shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor. In addition, any person who is an Arizona resident and a life member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and who, prior to the person's election to life membership, served as an appointed member of the Arizona Commission on Uniform Laws, shall be eligible to serve on the Commission.
3. Terms of Commission members appointed by the Governor shall be for six years. Commission members shall not be compensated for their service, but, subject to availability of funds and at the discretion of the Governor, may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses to attend the annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.
4. The Commission shall meet at the pleasure of its Chair, who shall be appointed by the Governor, or when called into session by the Governor.
5. The Governor may revoke the appointment of a Commission Member at any time for cause. Appointment to fill a vacancy created by causes other than the expiration of a term shall be for the duration of the unexpired term.
6. The Commission shall review efforts nationally to enact uniform laws and shall make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor regarding the appropriateness of enacting such uniform laws in Arizona and/or amending any uniform laws previously enacted by the state.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 24 day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

**Executive Order 2007- 17**  
**Restoring Arizona's Forests**  
**(Superseding Executive Order 2003-16)**

[M07-438]

**WHEREAS**, more than 15,500 wildfires have burned nearly 2,000,000 acres in Arizona since 2002, destroying hundreds of homes and some businesses and causing significant damage to our forests, range lands, community watersheds, wildlife and fish habitats, and other valuable natural and cultural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, large unnaturally severe fires are symptomatic of poor forest health that has been and will likely continue to be, exacerbated by prolonged drought and global climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, 160 Arizona communities have been identified as "at risk" to wildfire; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2,250,000 acres of urban interface lands are highly susceptible to fire losses due to hazardous fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, rapid expansion of the wildland/urban interface caused by explosive population growth can undermine land management in the wildland urban interface and lead to difficulties in providing adequate fire protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the March 2003 Governor's Conference on Forest Health and Safety led to development of an *Action Plan for Arizona*, the creation of a broad, science-based Arizona Forest Health Advisory Council to improve the health of Arizona's forests, and the establishment of a Governor's Forest Health Oversight Council to implement the plan and coordinate efforts between government agencies and all levels of government for fire prevention, suppression and recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's Arizona Forest Health Advisory Council and the Arizona Forest Health Oversight Council have successfully completed their assigned tasks, and developed a 20-Year Statewide Strategy for restoring Arizona's forests and protecting rural communities and their economies; and

**WHEREAS**, there is still much work to be done to address Arizona's forest health issues, restore our forests to healthy condition, and prevent other forest fire disasters;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Arizona, do hereby disband the Forest Healthy Advisory Council and Forest Health Oversight Council and create a unified Arizona Forest Health Council (the "Forest Council"). I further hereby order as follows:

1. The Governor shall appoint members of the Forest Council who shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor;
2. The Forest Council shall have at least 15 members and no more than 30 members;
3. All Forest Council members shall have expertise in forest management science or policy and, to the extent practicable, the Forest Council shall include representatives from each of the following:
  - A county supervisor from a county with a significant forested community;

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- A mayor from a forested community;
  - Representatives of the Native American community;
  - Representatives of conservation organizations with interest in protecting forests;
  - Representatives from Arizona's business and ranching communities, including:
    - o One or more representatives of forest-based industry;
    - o A representative with rangeland management expertise;
  - A representative from an organization with interest in rural economic development;
  - A representative from a utility responsible for management of a forested transmission corridor;
  - A representative from a citizen-based organization focused on Community Wildfire Protection Plan implementation;
  - A representative from a municipal fire department;
  - A representative from a rural fire district;
  - A representative from a federal land management agency with interest in forest management;
  - Three representatives of universities in Arizona;
  - A representative of the insurance industry;
  - A representative of the real estate industry;
  - A representative from the Arizona Game and Fish Department
  - A representative from the Arizona Department of Commerce;
  - A representative from the Office of the State Forester;
  - A representative from the Governor's Office;
  - One ex officio member from the Natural Resource Committee of the Arizona Senate;
  - One ex officio member from the Natural Resource Committee of the Arizona House of Representatives;
  - One ex officio member of the Arizona House representing a rural forested district;
  - One ex officio member of the Arizona Senate representing a rural forested district.
4. Members of the Council may, with the Governor's permission, send designees to serve on the Council; provided, however, that such designees shall have been delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member.
5. The Forest Council shall:
- Develop, oversee, and facilitate implementation of the Statewide Strategy for restoring Arizona's forests and protecting rural communities and their economies. These tasks include:
    - o Identification of priority implementation actions and creation of a timeline for accomplishment;
    - o Development of a scorecard to measure progress on the actions identified in the strategy; and
    - o Development of scorecard to measure progress on implementation of 20-year Strategy by 12/31/07.
  - Advise the Governor on matters of forest restoration, community protection, and fire management.
  - Perform such other tasks as the Governor may suggest.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 25 day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

**Executive Order 2007-18**  
**State Land Department Forestry Division**  
**(Amending Executive Order 2004-21)**

[M07-437]

**WHEREAS**, A.R.S. § 37-621 establishes the positions of state forester and deputy state forester; and

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**WHEREAS**, presently, the administrative, operational and management functions of the State Forester are housed within the State Land Department; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the administrative, operational and management functions of the State Forester as a formal Division of the State Land Department will allow maximum administrative and financial efficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, consolidating state forest management functions within the State Land Department under a Forestry Division will further leverage those efficiencies, ensure coordination of forest management activities within Arizona, and provide for coherent delivery of services required to reduce fire hazards and damage;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The administrative, operational and management functions of the State Forester shall continue to be housed within the State Land Department and shall become a formal Division of the State Land Department.
2. All state forest management functions shall be consolidated under the State Land Department's Forestry Division and under the authority of the State Forester.
3. The State Forester shall submit his or her yearly budget request to the State Land Commissioner, who shall submit it to the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budget as a part of the State Land Department's requested budget.
4. All money appropriated to the Forestry Division shall be used on equipment, personnel and activities directly related to Forestry Division responsibilities. The State Forester shall administer the Forestry Division budget.
5. The State Forester shall report directly to the Governor on administrative and policy matters involving wildfire prevention, management and suppression.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 25 day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

**Executive Order 2007-19**  
**Establishing the Arizona Commission on African-American Affairs**

[M07-440]

**WHEREAS**, African-Americans are an important and growing segment of Arizona's diverse population; and

**WHEREAS**, African-Americans contribute greatly to Arizona's gross domestic product, tax base, and cultural history; and

**WHEREAS**, African-Americans also face specific challenges, including disproportionately high dropout rates, rates of teen incarceration, and health disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to laws 2007, ch. 255, the state legislature has included in the sums appropriated to the Arizona Department of Administration \$125,000 for the creation of an Arizona Commission on African-American Affairs to address these and other issues;

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**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order as follows:

1. The Arizona Commission on African-American Affairs (the "Commission") is hereby established.
2. The Commission shall consist of nine members who shall be appointed by, and serve without compensation at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Governor shall also select a chair and vice chair of the Commission from the Commission's members.
3. To the extent practicable, the majority of the Commission shall consist of representatives of the African-American community and shall reflect the geographic diversity of the state.
3. The Commission shall meet no fewer than four times annually, at the call of either the Chair or the Governor.
4. Members of the Commission may, with the Governor's permission, send designees to serve on the Commission; provided, however, that such designees shall have been delegated by the member with full authority to vote and otherwise act on behalf of the member.
5. The Governor may appoint an Executive Director of the Commission who shall be eligible to receive a salary, subject to the availability of funds appropriated to the Commission by the legislature, granted to the Commission, or donated to the Commission by private sources. The Commission may also employ clerical, professional and technical personnel subject to the availability of such funds.
6. The Commission shall assist and support state and federal agencies in assisting African-Americans in this state to develop strategies for advancing the interests of African-Americans in Arizona and addressing the challenges that African-Americans face, including specifically (but without limitation), the disproportionate dropout rate, teen incarceration rate, and health disparities. The Commission shall also:
  - A. Advise the Governor on policies, procedures, legislation and rules that affect the African-American community and that will enable this state to be responsive to the needs of the African-American community;
  - B. Assist local African-American community groups in developing strategies and programs that will expand and enhance the social, cultural and economic status of the African-American community;
  - C. Develop, review and recommend to the Governor policies in the areas of health and human services, housing, education, employment, business formation and development, public accommodations and contracting and procedures;
  - D. Serve as a liaison to federal, state and local agencies to ensure that programs affecting African-Americans are effectively used and that benefits accrue equitably to members of the African-American community;
  - E. Work for greater understanding and improved relationships between African-Americans and non-African-Americans by creating an awareness of the legal, social and economic needs of African-Americans in this state;
  - F. Where appropriate and subject to the availability of funding, conduct periodic conferences throughout this state to: 1) inform African-Americans of the opportunities available to them through state and private sources; 2) encourage African-Americans to share their history and culture with other Arizonans; 3) participate in the social and political processes of their communities; and 4) learn from conference participants about their needs and problems;
  - G. Annually facilitate an African-American Legislative Day, (which shall not be a legal holiday) on the second Thursday and Friday of February. The Commission shall invite the legislature, Governor and other elected officials to pay tribute to the history and culture of African-Americans and their contributions to the prosperity and cultural diversity of the United States. The Commission shall schedule activities and discussion between state and community leaders on issues affecting African-American communities; and
  - H. Subject to the availability of funding, organize one or more annual, state-wide Town Halls centered on African-American affairs.

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7. The Commission may apply for, accept, and receive grants and private gifts of money or property to assist it in carrying out its functions under this Executive Order and to supplement its legislative appropriation.
8. The Commission shall make a written annual report giving an account of its proceedings, transactions, findings and recommendations to the Governor and the legislature and may submit the recommendations to the legislature in the form of proposed legislation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 27 day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* STEVENS JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH \***

[M07-431]

**WHEREAS**, Steven Johnson Syndrome (SJS) and Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN) are severe, adverse reaction to medication; and

**WHEREAS**, almost any medication, even over-the-counter drugs, can cause SJS; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing early symptoms and prompt medical attention are the most valuable tools in minimizing possible long-term effects SJS may have on its victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the Steven Johnson Syndrome Foundation is dedicated to providing support services, and educating the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 2007 as

**\* STEVENS JOHNSON SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH \***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* ELEVATOR AND ESCALATOR SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK \***

[M07-433]

**WHEREAS**, the elevator industry greatly contributes to the quality of life for the citizens of Arizona; and

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**WHEREAS**, in the United States and Canada there are an estimated 700,000 elevators and 35,000 escalators, over 325 million people take an elevator daily and 245 million people ride an escalator daily; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the week is to increase public awareness of the safe and proper use of elevators, escalators and moving walkways, helping reduce avoidable accidents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation (EESF) is dedicated to educating the public on safe and proper use of elevators, escalators and moving walkways through informational programs;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 11-17, 2007 as**

**\* ELEVATOR AND ESCALATOR SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK \***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* HIV AND AIDS FAMILY AWARENESS MONTH \***

[M07-435]

**WHEREAS**, 600 people are newly infected every hour of every day with HIV; and

**WHEREAS**, women represent half of all people living with HIV & AIDS; and

**WHEREAS**, over 15 million children have been orphaned by the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 40 million people are living with HIV & AIDS worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, 1,400 children under 15 will die of HIV & AIDS today; and

**WHEREAS**, no one has ever been cured of HIV;

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the state of Arizona do hereby proclaim September 2007 as**

**\* HIV AND AIDS FAMILY AWARENESS MONTH \***

and urge all citizens to recognize the importance of educating all families about HIV & AIDS in order to prevent the spread of this deadly disease.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

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**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH \***

[M07-434]

**WHEREAS**, life insurance owned by individuals and businesses provides much needed income replacement to spouses and families who have lost loved ones whose income they relied upon for sustenance and economic well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, life insurance tools such as wealth transfer, estate tax equity and estate planning help provide economic stability and security for families throughout our great State; and

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate nearly 50 million Americans lack adequate life insurance coverage and that widows and widowers had to make difficult financial adjustments after loved ones died. These included having to work additional jobs or longer hours, borrow money from friends and family, withdraw money from savings and investment accounts, and move to smaller, less expensive housing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Educate (LIFE), the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) and a coalition representing hundreds of leading life insurance companies and organizations have designated September as "Life Insurance Awareness Month" whose goal is to make consumers more aware of their life insurance needs, encourage them to seek professional advice, and take the actions necessary to achieve the financial security of their loved ones;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2007, as

**\* LIFE INSURANCE AWARENESS MONTH \***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

**\* SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT WEEK \***

[M07-430]

**WHEREAS**, "Sunlight of the Spirit" is a home for women in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, "Sunlight of the Spirit" guides women through the process of recovery to rebuild their lives and helps them to become productive members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, the director, staff and graduates of "Sunlight of the Spirit" through selfless dedication and gratitude, continue to give service and support to women who are new in recovery;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim August 18-25, 2007 as

**\* SUNLIGHT OF THE SPIRIT WEEK \***



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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

\* **TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION WEEK** \*

[M07-429]

**WHEREAS**, recognition is given to the importance of having a bridge between those who create technology and those who use it; and

**WHEREAS**, recognition is given to the creative work of information designers and technical communicators who build those bridges of understanding and usability; and

**WHEREAS**, recognition is given to the standards of professional excellence and ethical behavior exhibited by these individuals;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2007 as

\* **TECHNICAL COMMUNICATION WEEK** \*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fourth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**

\* **MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION TELETHON WEEKEND** \*

[M07-436]

**WHEREAS**, the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) assists those affected by neuromuscular diseases in Arizona and beyond. MDA is a voluntary, non-profit health agency established in 1950 that is dedicated to defeating more than 40 neuromuscular diseases through worldwide programs emphasizing research, comprehensive services and far-reaching professional and public health education; and

**WHEREAS**, Muscular Dystrophy refers to a group of more than 40 neuromuscular diseases characterized by weakness and muscle wasting involving nine forms of muscular dystrophy, including amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, myasthenia gravis and spinal muscular dystrophy; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 1900 families in Arizona receive MDA support from Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon, the largest MDA fundraiser of the year. Telethon donations are used for advancing MDA research, support groups, and clinics that provide medical support for MDA clients. Telethon donations also help cover the cost of annual MDA summer camps

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where the average cost per camper is \$650.00; and

**WHEREAS**, 77.4 cents of every dollar raised by MDA goes directly to research, health care services and education. The 2006 Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon was extremely successful, with over 50 million documented viewers and a record \$61 million in donations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the weekend of September 1-3, 2007 as the 42st annual

**\* MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION TELETHON WEEKEND \***

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

**Janet Napolitano**  
**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fifth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

**ATTEST:**

**Janice K. Brewer**  
**Secretary of State**