EXECUTIVE ORDER 2008-18
Continuing the Governor’s Commission on the Health Status of Women and Families in Arizona as the Governor’s Commission on Women’s and Children’s Health (Amending and Superseding Executive Order 2000-17)

WHEREAS, the importance of health care cuts across all aspects of the lives of women and children;

WHEREAS, without access to health care, women’s ability to be productive members of their communities, to care for themselves and their families, and to contribute to the work force is jeopardized;

WHEREAS, children with health care coverage are more likely than uninsured children to receive proper medical care for childhood illnesses such as sore throats and asthma;

WHEREAS, children with access to health care do better in school and have improved school attendance and performance;

WHEREAS, focusing on wellness and prevention is essential to saving lives and reducing health care costs for women and children;

WHEREAS, significant improvements must be made to meet national benchmarks that demonstrate Arizona’s ability to meet the health care needs of women and children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby direct that the State of Arizona establish the Governor’s Commission on Women’s and Children’s Health (the “Commission”) and order as follows:

1. The Commission shall:
   a. Be composed of no fewer than 13 and no more than 25 members, who shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve without compensation at the pleasure of the Governor.
   b. Meet at the call of the Governor or the Commission Chair, no fewer than four times per year.
   c. Allow members of Commission, with the Governor’s permission, to 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.
   d. To the extent possible, be composed of a cross-section of Arizonans who provide ethnic, gender, age, geographic, and socio-economic diversity.
   e. Include a Governor’s designee, and others who demonstrate expertise in issues related to women’s and children’s health; in addition, it will include ex-officio members representing agencies including the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board, and the Arizona Department of Economic Security.
   f. Identify priorities and advise the Governor on the most effective policy direction and methods to improve the health and wellness of Arizona women and children.
   g. Identify and measure indicators of women’s and children’s health and wellness and report to the Governor about the indicators and commission activities in an Annual Report.
   h. Support and empower women and their families to take control of and manage their health through a strong prevention model.
   i. Collaborate with organizations across the state in the planning and implementation of Arizona’s observance of the National Women’s Health Week.
   j. Provide a forum for addressing input from the community and work with organizations and the public to increase awareness about issues related to women’s and children’s health.
The Commission may establish workgroups or ad hoc committees at the discretion of the Chair to work on focus areas identified by the Commission. The established workgroups or committees may include members of the community not serving on the Commission. The Chair may recommend community members, but they must be approved by, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor in order to serve.

Members not attending or sending a designee to more than two meetings in a calendar year, unless extenuating circumstances have been demonstrated, will be removed from the Commission.

This Commission supersedes the Governor’s Commission on the Health Status of Women and Families in Arizona.

The Commission shall sunset on December 31, 2011, unless extended by future Executive Order.

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

Janet Napolitano
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 9th day of April in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eight 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 2008-19
April Designated As Water Awareness Month

WHEREAS, water is one of Arizona’s most vital and precious resources; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is an arid state, water is scarce and population growth continues to increase our demand for water; and

WHEREAS, Arizona has few remaining perennially flowing rivers and is committed to protecting those that do remain, such as the San Pedro River, the Verde River, Fossil Creek, Oak Creek, the Little Colorado River, the Santa Maria River, the Bill Williams River, and Cienega Creek; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Arizona and visitors should use water more efficiently; practicing a low water-use lifestyle is a way each individual and business can help ensure a long-term, sufficient water supply; and

WHEREAS, creating a culture of conservation will greatly reduce the impact of drought on our natural resources, economy, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, water education is a cornerstone to any comprehensive water conservation program, and greater awareness of water issues can be gained through community education, action and celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE I, Governor Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby designate April as Water Awareness Month and order as follows:

1. The Arizona Department of Water Resources to:
   A. Work with cities and towns to provide them with the tools and resources necessary to give communities the ability to implement strong, effective water conservation programs;
   B. Develop a water conservation toolkit, including resources to reduce exterior water use in landscaped areas, for communities to assist them in building strong, effective conservation programs;
C. Create a water wise community certification program in an effort to promote greater awareness of water issues through education, action and celebration.

2. Call upon citizens and businesses throughout Arizona to become more aware of their water-use habits and determine where they can reasonably reduce their water use;

3. Encourage all towns and cities to put into place programs that promote education, action and celebration of water as an essential resource in our lives and economy;

4. Call upon local and state governments and federal agencies to increase water conservation public awareness programs.

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 8th day of April in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

* ARIZONA GOLF MONTH *

WHEREAS, the game of golf promotes a healthy lifestyle, community involvement, and children’s appreciation of etiquette in sports; and

WHEREAS, the game of golf has an overall economic impact of $3.4 billion on Arizona’s economy, More than 775,305 Arizona residents play golf; and

WHEREAS, the game of golf attracts national and international visitors to Arizona resulting in $1.1 billion to our state; and

WHEREAS, golf in Arizona is a national leader in the implementation of environmental principles for water conservation using only 2% of all water use in the state; and

WHEREAS, the 338 Golf facilities in Arizona employ 19,481 Arizonans earning $291 million in wages and benefits; and

WHEREAS, golf communities house more than 93,500 households with enhanced property values of $2 billion and golf in Arizona generates $79,455,853 in taxes annually

WHEREAS, the game of golf played by Arizona’s universities are renowned for excellence in both Men’s and Women’s NCAA programs

WHEREAS, the professional tournaments played in Arizona – the FBR Open, Tucson Open, and Safeway LPGA Championship, generate millions of dollars for charity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 2008 as

* ARIZONA GOLF 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 seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State