

**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 2008-26
To Develop an Inclusive Statewide Trauma System in Arizona**

[M08-375]

WHEREAS, injury is the leading cause of death for Arizonans under age 44 with more than 24,000 Arizonans being severely injured every year of which more than 40% fail to reach a designated trauma center within the first "Golden Hour" after their injury, thereby decreasing their chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, more than 60% of traumatic injuries occur in rural Arizona; and

WHEREAS, patient care can be dramatically improved and the nearly \$1 billion annual trauma care costs reduced by developing a coordinated and inclusive system of trauma care for the entire state; and

WHEREAS, a recent American College of Surgeons Trauma System Consultation report found that residents in rural Arizona do not have ready access to trauma centers, and by increasing the number of designated trauma centers Arizona will improve its ability to respond to and recover from a mass-injury event; and

WHEREAS, Arizona currently has no Level II, III or IV trauma centers nor do any Level I centers exist outside of Flagstaff and the Tucson and Phoenix metropolitan areas;

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:

The Arizona Department of Health Services shall:

1. Increase the number of Arizona health care institutions that participate in the statewide trauma system, particularly those located in rural Arizona.
2. Establish a Trauma Medical Director with expertise in trauma care to formulate standards, guidelines, and rules to further enhance Arizona's trauma system and care.
3. Grow the number of health care institutions that report traumatic injury data to the Arizona State Trauma Registry; an effort that enhances information sources necessary for continued evaluation of, and improvements to, the statewide trauma system.
4. Provide a report to the Governor on the activities and outcomes of developing an Inclusive Statewide Trauma System by December 31, 2008 and annually thereafter.

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 6th day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

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

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*** COLLEGE SAVINGS MONTH ***

[R08-396]

WHEREAS, Arizona families recognize that a college education is one of the most important things we can do for our children to prepare them for success in life; and

WHEREAS, the constantly rising costs of a college education continue to outpace inflation and, without proper planning, those costs can jeopardize a family's ability to ensure their children have access to higher education; and

WHEREAS, college is an investment that will pay off given that the earnings gap between those with a high school diploma and those with a bachelor's degree or beyond exceeds \$1 million over a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, almost two-thirds of college students graduate with debt, and many college graduates repay large amounts of debt long after they have completed their education; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Arizona families to encourage saving for higher education expenses so that access to educational opportunities is enhanced for our children, grandchildren, and others, without the crushing burden of education loan debt; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state and federal law, the State of Arizona operates the Arizona Family College Savings Program, a Section 529 college savings plan that offers both state and federal tax advantages to encourage saving for the expense of higher education and to promote educational opportunity for all Arizonans;

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

*** COLLEGE SAVINGS 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 fifth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

ATTEST:
Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

*** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH ***

[M08-374]

WHEREAS, domestic violence is an epidemic affecting Americans in all communities, regardless of age, gender, economic status, race, religion, nationality, or educational background; and

WHEREAS, over three million children witness domestic violence each year, and over 10 million children are at risk of witnessing domestic violence each year, contributing to devastating effects such as trauma, decreased social, emotional and cognitive development including learning disabilities, physical problems, and an increased likelihood of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner; and

WHEREAS, victims of domestic violence are often prevented from getting or keeping jobs by their abusers, and many victims who leave their abusers face poverty, unemployment, and homelessness and even death at the hands of abusers as a result of leaving; and

WHEREAS, there were 125 domestic violence related deaths in Arizona in 2007; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence shelters in Arizona served 5,640 adults and 5,147 children in fiscal year 2007; and

WHEREAS, enhanced education, prevention, and intervention efforts will increase public awareness, mobilize community

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action, and confront the abuse of power and control in interpersonal relationships;

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

*** DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH ***

and encourage all citizens to continue to support the efforts of organizations that provide education, outreach, and support to victims of domestic violence, and call upon our citizens to dedicate themselves to ending all forms of violence and the abuse of power and control in relationships.

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G O V E R N O R

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*** ARIZONA TRAIL MONTH ***

[M08-383]

WHEREAS, the Arizona Trail represents a naturally diverse and spectacular scenic section of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Trail is recognized as a premier long-distance trail in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Trail is a shining example of cooperation between State and Federal agencies, private businesses, non-profit agencies and many citizen volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Trail offers equestrians, mountain bicyclists, trail runners, hikers, and outdoor enthusiasts an opportunity to explore popular or remote areas of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Trail has made rapid progress as an across Arizona path;

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

*** ARIZONA TRAIL MONTH ***

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Janet Napolitano
G O V E R N O R

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*** FIESTAS PATRIAS DAY ***

[M08-388]

WHEREAS, on Monday, September 15th, 2008, thousands across the Great State of Arizona will gather in celebration of the 198th "Grito" of Mexican independence, culminating this year's Fiestas Patrias ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, Fiestas Patrias commemorates the independence of our neighbor to the South and pays tribute to Mexican

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visionaries whose resilience brought about a new republic dedicated to better government, liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of September 16th, 1810, Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla rallied villagers from the town of Dolores, leading cries for independence from Spain; and

WHEREAS, the historic "Grito de Dolores" exemplifies, to this day, the very best in México and its people - bravery, determination and national pride; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is honored by its history of friendship and achievement with México and remains steadfast in its commitment to bilateral cooperation and mutual prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2008 as

*** FIESTAS PATRIAS DAY ***

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

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*** FINANCIAL PLANNING WEEK ***

[M08-387]

WHEREAS, the financial planning process allows individuals to achieve their dreams by empowering them to identify and manage realistic financial goals and negotiate the financial barriers that arise at every stage in life; and

WHEREAS, everyone can benefit from knowing the value of financial planning and where to turn for objective financial advice; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Planning Association is the membership organization for the financial planning community, representing 29,000 members dedicated to supporting the financial planning process as a way to help individuals achieve their goals and dreams; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Planning Association believes that everyone needs objective advice to make smart financial decisions and that when seeking the advice of a financial planner, the planner should be a Certified Financial Planning professional; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Planning Association is dedicated to helping individuals discover the value of financial planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2008 as

*** FINANCIAL PLANNING WEEK ***

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

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*** GOLD STAR MOTHERS DAY ***

[M08-382]

WHEREAS, the American Gold Star Mothers is a national non-profit, non-denominational and non-political service organization that is chartered by the Congress of the United States and is recognized as being unique and capable of providing a service not available from any other organization in understanding the grief and issues faced by a military service mother whose child gave their life in the service of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, they are an organization that has a compelling desire to carry the torch their sons and daughters can no longer carry and that they have associated themselves to the purpose of perpetuating the noble principles for which their children fought and died; and

WHEREAS, their mission is to assist all those who bear the sacred name of "Gold Star Mother" and help each other bear the burden of sorrow which has come to them through the sacrifices their sons and daughters made for freedom and democracy and to work for the mutual benefit of all Gold Star Mothers; and

WHEREAS, they have charged themselves with the responsibility to minister to the disabled comrades of their children and to cooperate with all patriotic organizations in commemorating the deeds of their fallen heroes and to encourage peace and harmony between peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2008 as

*** GOLD STAR MOTHERS DAY ***

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

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*** INFECTION PREVENTION WEEK ***

[M08-386]

WHEREAS, protecting the health of Americans includes providing every citizen with access to safe and effective health care; and

WHEREAS, Infection Prevention and Control Professionals are devoted to patient and health care worker safety and are committed to reducing the risk and occurrence of healthcare-associated infections; and

WHEREAS, the prevention of healthcare-associated infections is instrumental in achieving this goal; and

WHEREAS, every year, more than 1 billion Americans visit their doctors' offices, emergency rooms, and hospital outpatient departments, and over 37 million are admitted to hospitals, with many undergoing medical procedures that have a risk of infectious complications; and

WHEREAS, healthcare-associated infections increase morbidity and mortality and add a significant financial burden to the cost of health care; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), representing more than 12,000 Infection Prevention and Control Professionals, sponsors International Infection Prevention Week with this year's

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theme being "Infection Prevention Is Everyone's Business";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2008 as

*** INFECTION PREVENTION WEEK ***

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

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*** PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK ***

[M08-385]

WHEREAS, quality health care is an important concern of the citizens in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, affordable, accessible medical care is essential for the well-being of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants nationwide are medically trained professionals who provide quality, comprehensive health and medical care to millions of Americans throughout this great country; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona State Association of Physician Assistants and its membership seek good, quality health care for patients of all ages, in rural towns, and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, the physician assistant profession continues to grow, gaining public trust, respect and recognized as important members of the health care community; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants are increasingly being recognized as important members of the health care delivery team, working closely with their supervising physicians to enhance the quality and continuity of medical care in the United States; and

WHEREAS, physician assistants around the United States and in our great State of Arizona, will celebrate October 6-12, 2008, as National Physician Assistant Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2008 as

*** PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WEEK ***

and extend my sincere thanks to the physician assistant profession for its dedication to Arizona.

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