

Governor's Executive Orders/Proclamations

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

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the full-text publication of all Executive Orders and Proclamations of General Applicability issued by the Governor. In addition, the *Register* shall include each statement filed by the Governor in granting a commutation, pardon or reprieve, or stay or suspension of execution where a sentence of death is imposed. With the exception of egregious errors, content (including spelling, grammar, and punctuation) of these orders has been reproduced as submitted.

*** RARE DISEASE DAY ***

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WHEREAS, there are nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions considered rare in the United States; and

WHEREAS, while each of these diseases may affect small numbers of people, rare diseases as a group affect almost 30 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, while nearly 330 orphan drugs and biologics have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases affecting between 11 and 14 million people, there are well over 15 million Americans with rare diseases who have no treatment specific to their disease; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty in obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and problems related to accessing or being reimbursed for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the National Organization for Rare Diseases (NORD) is organizing a nationwide observance of Rare Disease Day to allow patients, medical professionals, researchers, government officials, and companies developing treatments for rare diseases to join together to focus attention on rare diseases as a public health issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim February 28, 2009 as

*** RARE DISEASE DAY ***

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

Janice K. Brewer
G O V E R N O R

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this ninth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Nine and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

ATTEST:
Ken Bennett
Secretary of State