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GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

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STATE OF ARIZONA

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PROCLAMATION FILED

WHEREAS, Jacques de Molay (c. 1243 – 18 March 1314), was the 23rd and last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, leading the Order from 20 April 1292 until it was dissolved by order of Pope Clement V in 1307; and

WHEREAS, Jacques de Molay's goal as Grand Master was to reform the Order, and adjust it to the situation in the Holy Land during the waning days of the Crusades; and

WHEREAS; European support for the Crusades had dwindled, other forces were at work which sought to disband the Order and claim the wealth of the Templars as their own. King Philip IV of France, deeply in debt to the Templars, had de Molay and many other French Templars arrested in 1307 and tortured into making false confessions; and

WHEREAS, when de Molay later retracted his confession, King Philip IV had him burned upon a scaffold on an island in the River Seine in front of Notre Dame de Paris in March 1314. The sudden end of both the centuries-old order of Templars and the dramatic execution of its last leader turned de Molay into a legendary figure; and

WHEREAS, after the death of de Molay and the dissolution of the Knights Templar, the fraternal order of The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem emerged, which is an automous and independent organization, incorporated in the United States, which seeks to emulate the chivalric and charity traditions of the original Templars; its members apply themselves energetically and selflessly to Christian charitable endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a modern Christian Order of Knighthood dedicated to: seeking God in our lives and promoting love and respect for our community; increasing understanding between religions, helping pilgrims visit holy places, and maintaining a Christian presence in the Holy Land; supporting the poor, sick, and unjustly accused; standing against oppression, and protecting freedom of speech; and encouraging the noble ideas of chivalry; maintaining the monuments, archives, and history of the Knights of the Templar; and

WHEREAS, our guiding lights are the virtues of faith, hope and charity, through which members aspire to serve faithfully as Knights of God's Temple. The motto of the Order, "Non nobis, Domine, non nobis, sed Nomini Tuo da gloriam" is the latin version of Psalm 115, verse 1 - "Not unto us, Oh Lord, not unto us, but to Thy Name be given glory."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2016 as

JACQUES DE MOLAY DAY

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

Douglas A. Ducey

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE