



GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of Governor proclamations of general applicability, and ceremonial dedications issued by the Governor.

ARIZONA SMOKE-FREE DAY

[M17-100]

WHEREAS, it is known that tobacco users have significantly increased likelihoods of tobacco-related disease, disability, and early death; and

WHEREAS, it is known that Arizona citizens under the age of 21 who do not initiate tobacco use are more likely to remain tobacco-free for their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, it is known that tobacco users who quit today will immediately begin to reverse its adverse effects, reduce their chance of disease, disability, and death from a tobacco-related disease, and will immediately begin to protect those around them; and

WHEREAS, youth in 28 coalitions across the state of Arizona are actively and civically engaged in educating their peers, families and communities against the harmful effects of tobacco use; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Health Services supports education, training, and encouragement of the 28 youth tobacco use prevention coalitions belonging to STAND (Students Taking A New Direction) across the State of Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 15, 2017 as

ARIZONA SMOKE-FREE DAY

and I further urge citizens to join in efforts to raise awareness of the problem of tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, and to end the tobacco epidemic for good.

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 third day of March in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.
ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

ARIZONA WEIGHTS & MEASURES WEEK

[M17-101]

WHEREAS, on March 2, 1799, the Congress of the United States enacted its first Weights and Measures Law, citing the necessity of standard weights and measures, the need of weights and measures as a public service, and the need of examining weights and measures devices and the need of uniformity, since all business and commerce function on a weight or measure; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has recognized this need by establishing a Weights and Measures Services Division within the Department of Agriculture to administer and enforce all laws governing the uniformity of weights and measures standards and to regulate all commercial practices in the area of quantity determination; and

WHEREAS, said Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures Services Division has continued to perform its duties to ensure equity in all commercial transactions for the protection of all citizens of the State of Arizona, whether they are the buyer or the seller.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 1 - 7, 2017 as

ARIZONA WEIGHTS & MEASURES WEEK

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 tenth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.
ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

**AUTO THEFT AND CRIME PREVENTION DAY**

[M17-102]

WHEREAS, the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority and statewide law enforcement officials believe several factors are impacting vehicle theft and crime rates in our state. Those include, the deployment of bait cars in high-crime areas, FREE window VIN (vehicle identification number) Etching programs, enrollment in the Watch Your Car decal program and increased public awareness and education activities; and

WHEREAS, Arizona, once ranked the #1 state for auto theft in the United States, now ranks 15th in the nation for vehicle thefts per capita. Phoenix, once ranked the #1 hot spot for vehicle thefts, dropped to #80 in 2015, while Tucson, once the #2 spot, has dropped to #99 and Yuma is #103; and

WHEREAS, increased awareness of transnational criminal organizations using Arizona stolen vehicles to conduct illicit activities on both sides of the border, along with enforcement, prosecution and theft prevention efforts, which are vital to ensure border security; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority and statewide law enforcement agencies have partnered to advertise March 3, 2017 as a date when citizens can build knowledge and learn methods to better prevent themselves from becoming a victim of crime; and

WHEREAS, citizens throughout the State are encouraged to participate in Auto Theft and Crime Prevention Day on March 3, 2017 and can find out more at <https://aata.az.gov/upcoming-events>.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 3, 2017 as

AUTO THEFT AND CRIME PREVENTION DAY

and further ask all citizens to increase their awareness and education about auto theft related crimes, learn more about taking responsibility for their property and work with local law enforcement agencies to continue innovative efforts to reduce crime in Arizona.

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 seventeenth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

[M17-103]

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) is a professional organization, which has a network of 14,000 members in 101 chapters in the United States and around the world, with both a Phoenix Chapter and a Southern Arizona Chapter consisting of approximately 229 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, AGA Phoenix and Southern Arizona Chapter members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of Arizona by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) Program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics, and to pass three examinations requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years, with 100 individuals in Arizona achieving the CGFM designation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

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 thirty-first day of January in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

[M17-104]

WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States among men and women combined and there is currently no cure; and

WHEREAS, every 3 minutes, someone is diagnosed with colorectal cancer and every 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, only 39 percent of colorectal cancer patients have their cancers detected at an early stage; and

WHEREAS, the survival rate of individuals who have early stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but is only 10 percent when diagnosed after it has spread to other organs; and

WHEREAS, the national goal established by the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable is 80 percent of Americans ages 50 and older be screened by the year 2018; and

WHEREAS, if the majority of people in the United States age 50 and older were screened regularly for colorectal cancer, the death rate from this disease could plummet by up to 70 percent; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that all people, of all ages, know the signs and symptoms of this disease; and

WHEREAS, observing Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month would provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of early detection and screening.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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 twenty-eighth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK

[M17-105]

WHEREAS, Arizona law defines consumer fraud as including any deception, unfair act or practice, false pretense, false promise, misrepresentation or omission made by a seller or advertiser of merchandise; and

WHEREAS, one of the responsibilities entrusted to the Attorney General of the State of Arizona is protecting the public from consumer fraud; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General provides advocacy and public education on consumer protection issues with an emphasis on fraud and abuse

WHEREAS, according to the Attorney General’s Office, it has received more than 15,000 consumer complaints since 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Attorney General’s Office has recovered more than \$3.9 million for consumers who filed complaints with the Attorney General’s Office over this same time period; and

WHEREAS, March 5 – 11, 2017 is National Consumer Protection Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 5 - 11, 2017 as

CONSUMER PROTECTION WEEK

and I encourage all Arizonans to better familiarize themselves of their rights and protections as consumers, the potential for fraudulent activity in their consumer purchases and of the enforcement procedures that can be undertaken against persons who violate Arizona’s consumer protection laws.



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 twenty-eighth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE

DEMOLAY DAY

[M17-106]

WHEREAS, DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy and meaningful lives; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1919, DeMolay has steadily grown in popularity and now has more than 15,000 members in the United States and Canada. In addition, there are active chapters in Aruba, Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Italy, Japan, Peru, Romania, Serbia, and the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, DeMolay instills a sense of personal responsibility and an appreciation of civic engagement in all its members. Young men age 12 to 21 learn the importance of team work, and the patience, drive and determination it takes to be a leader; and

WHEREAS, participating in DeMolay helps members become more confident and self-assured. Important bonds of friendships are made and alumni often speak of the life-changing benefits they gained from their involvement in DeMolay; and

WHEREAS, more than 90 years after it was established, DeMolay continues to make a difference in the lives of its members and in cities and towns around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2017 as

DEMOLAY 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 twenty-eighth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

[M17-107]

WHEREAS, approximately 122,000 adults and children have a developmental disability; and

WHEREAS, Arizonans with disabilities and their loved ones live and work in communities across the Grand Canyon State; and

WHEREAS, every person, regardless of ability, has valuable strengths, infinite capacity to learn and the potential to make important contributions to their local communities; and

WHEREAS, people with developmental disabilities in Arizona seek to achieve personal success through education, meaningful work, and family and community ties with more than 6 million neighbors statewide, along with the support of passionate caregivers and policymakers working towards this goal; and

WHEREAS, families and caregivers of people with developmental disabilities deserve our admiration and recognition for their caring commitment and ongoing support essential to an independent and productive life; and

WHEREAS, Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is an opportune time to recognize Arizona's public policy accomplishments concerning people with disabilities and to continue the evolution of public policy that creates full inclusion for individuals with developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2017 as

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

and encourage all Arizona residents to join in this worthy observance.



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 twenty-eighth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.
ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

[M17-108]

WHEREAS, down syndrome is the most commonly occurring genetic condition in the world; and
WHEREAS, it is estimated that one in every 600 – 700 children in the United States, from all ethnic and social backgrounds, are born with down syndrome, with approximately 160 births a year in Arizona; and
WHEREAS, each individual has their own unique personality, capabilities and talents; and
WHEREAS, with the appropriate education, therapy, social support and opportunities, the majority of individuals with down syndrome will live fulfilling and productive lives; and
WHEREAS, while individuals with down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities and are benefiting from important advances in research, education and health care, there is still a need to increase awareness and tolerance of children and adults with down syndrome.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 21, 2017 as

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS 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 tenth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.
ATTEST:
Michele Reagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS DAY

[M17-109]

WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome, a part of hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (HNPCC), is a hereditary condition that causes greater risk of developing colorectal, endometrial, ovarian, stomach, hepatobiliary tract, urinary tract and other types of cancers; and
WHEREAS, Lynch syndrome creates a hereditary predisposition to a litany of cancers at a high lifetime risk and often at an early onset age – the risk includes up to 82% for colorectal cancer, up to 60% risk for endometrial cancer, up to 13% for gastric cancer, up to 12% for ovarian cancer, up to 4% for urinary tract cancer; among others; and
WHEREAS, the CDC estimates that 800,000 persons throughout the U.S. alone live with Lynch syndrome; and
WHEREAS, every person should know their family history and share it with their physician to determine if their family may be at high risk for hereditary cancers and prompt genetic testing; and
WHEREAS, every person newly diagnosed with colorectal cancer or endometrial cancer should be screened for Lynch syndrome characteristics to prompt risk assessment and genetic testing; and
WHEREAS, a positive genetic test will determine if these cancers are hereditary or familial, qualify affected individuals for regular cancer screening tests and growths, polyps, and tumors may be detected early and treated or removed before becoming life threatening; and
WHEREAS, having knowledge of a Lynch syndrome diagnosis can increase cancer prevention through regular screening measures, and lead to earlier cancer detection and treatment; and
WHEREAS, on this day, we join together to raise awareness of Lynch syndrome in Arizona and encourage all residents to learn more about this hereditary condition, to collect their family history information, and to share it with their healthcare provider in order to assess individual risk and take steps toward prevention and detection.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2017 as



LYNCH SYNDROME HEREDITARY CANCER AWARENESS 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 twenty-second day of March in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE