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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.

* HADASSAH CENTENNIAL DAY *

[M12-88]

WHEREAS, Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc. was established on February 24, 1912; and

WHEREAS, Hadassah is the largest Jewish women's Zionist organization whose members are motivated and inspired to strengthen their partnership with Israel, ensure Jewish continuity, and realize their potential as a dynamic force in American society; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, Hadassah enhances the quality of American and Jewish life through its education and Zionist youth programs – in addition to initiating and supporting pace-setting health care, education and youth institutions in Israel, and

WHEREAS, the Hadassah Medical Organization is the most advanced medical facility in the Middle East, renowned for its cutting edge medical research; and

WHEREAS, February 24, 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of Hadassah wherein conferences, festivals, films, lectures, concerts, and many other events will be held throughout the State of Arizona in honor of its centennial anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby recognize and designate February 24, 2012 as

* HADASSAH CENTENNIAL 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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK *

[M12-105]

WHEREAS, more than 26,000 graduate and professional students attend Arizona's state universities and contribute to the intellectual and cultural betterment of our universities and the State of Arizona as a whole; and

WHEREAS, graduate and professional students conduct useful and valuable research to build our communities, instruct our student bodies in a variety of fields in various education levels, volunteer to assist the less fortunate and care for the ill, and enrich us with their skills in the fine and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, graduate and professional students are our future doctors, lawyers, nurses, veterinarians, pharmacists, professional artists, business owners and corporate officers, teaching professionals, researchers, and leaders of our National and State political and education institutions; and

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WHEREAS, the State of Arizona appreciates the benefits that graduate and professional students bestow upon the State, and supports events designed to raise awareness of the vital role graduate and professional students play in advancing our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 26 – 30, 2012 as

* GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK *

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION DAY *

[M12-106]

WHEREAS, our law enforcement officers are the guardians of life and property, defenders of the individual right to be free, warriors in the battle against crime and are dedicated to the preservation of life and property; and

WHEREAS, our firefighters respond to fire alarms, disasters and emergency medical calls to protect life and property; and conduct necessary inspections of residential and commercial structures for fire prevention and pre-fire planning purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Saint Joseph Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will conduct its Ninth Annual Awards Dinner honoring Cities of Glendale and Peoria, Arizona and Luke Air Force Base Police and Fire Departments on April 14, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2012 as

* PUBLIC SAFETY APPRECIATION DAY *

and urge all citizens to give proper recognition to our public safety men and women for their dedicated service to our community.

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS EDUCATION AND AWARENESS MONTH *

[M12-107]

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a chronic, progressive, disabling neurological disease of unknown origin that affects the central nervous system and has no known cure; and

WHEREAS, MS has been diagnosed in more than 400,000 people nationwide, including approximately 5,000 citizens of Arizona, whose family, friends and employers are affected as well; and

WHEREAS, people with MS are often misunderstood because many of their symptoms – including fatigue, weakness, cog-

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nition difficulties, vision loss, and depression – are "invisible"; and

WHEREAS, with early drug therapy and proper healthcare management disease progression can be slowed, allowing people with MS to live active, rewarding and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, increased public education and awareness about MS not only helps people who must cope with the disease, but also stimulates funds for vital research aimed at developing more disease-modifying treatments and ultimately a cure; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation is, in part, to improve the quality of life of people with MS nationwide through educational programs and materials, grant programs, support groups, and other services; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Arizona to promote awareness of multiple sclerosis and a better understanding of people who live with the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 2012 as

* MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS EDUCATION AND AWARENESS MONTH *

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* ARIZONA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB DAY *

[M12-110]

WHEREAS, Arizona Boys and Girls Clubs operate 71 neighborhood clubhouses in 13 counties, 41 Arizona cities, 11 Native American communities, and all five military facilities throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Arizona Boys and Girls Clubs provide year-round programs in five Core Service Areas: Education & Career Development; Character & Leadership Development; Health & Life Skills; The Arts; and Sports, Fitness & Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs provide specialized prevention programs that combat the spread of alcohol, drugs, tobacco and teen pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs in Arizona serve over 129,000 Arizona children annually; and

WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs exemplify the spirit of Arizona volunteerism through a diverse network of local, state, and national volunteers committed to improving the lives of over three million young people in America; and

WHEREAS, Boys and Girls Clubs have been investing in Youth Development at the most local level for the past 60 years in Arizona, a shining example of what strong private and public partnerships can accomplish, when the communities, including the community of the State, step up to their responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2012 as

* ARIZONA BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB 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 GOVERNOR

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DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* ARIZONA CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK *

[M12-115]

WHEREAS, 18.7 million Americans are victims of crime each year and each crime affects many more, including families, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, crime exacts an emotional, physical, psychological, and financial toll on victims as they have lost loved ones, lifesavings, physical and mental health, and often their sense of security that has the potential to irrevocably change the course of their lives forever; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 years of progress for crime victims stands on the shoulders of dedicated advocates and brave victims who overcame shame, isolation, and indifference to gain a voice, rights, and respect; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the progress that our nation and Arizona have made in recognizing crime's impact on victims and celebrate advocates and survivors who through their determination brought rights and resources for victims and have changed the course of history; and

WHEREAS, history teaches us that, by working together, we can help victims of crime reshape their destinies and ensure they receive the support they need, the respect they deserve, and the rights they have earned; and

WHEREAS, while Arizona has been a national leader in establishing constitutional rights for crime victims, including the Arizona Crime Victims' Bill of Rights; we recognize that much work remains if we are to achieve the promises that our Constitution makes to crime victims; and

WHEREAS during this year we should re-dedicate ourselves to enshrining the rights of victims in the U. S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Constitution preserves and protects for crime victims the rights, among others, to justice and due process, the rights to a speedy trial and to a prompt conclusion of the case after the conviction, and the rights to be present at and, upon request, to be informed of all criminal proceedings where the defendant has a right to be present and to be heard at every post arrest release decision, a negotiated plea and sentencing, and yet we know these rights, among others, are still too often denied to victims; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week provides an opportunity for us to extend the vision to reach every victim, and to recommit to working together in providing the rights guaranteed to victims by our State Constitution, to help them overcome the harm caused by crime and so that they might be treated with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona is joining forces with victim service programs, criminal justice officials, and concerned citizens throughout Arizona and America to raise awareness of victims' rights and observe National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 22-28, 2012 as

* ARIZONA CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK *

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

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ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* ARIZONA FAIR HOUSING MONTH *

[M12-120]

WHEREAS, the right to fair housing is an important element of the American way of life and is a principle supported by the Civil Rights Act of 1968 and the Fair Housing Amendments of 1988; and

WHEREAS, fair housing law guarantee the right to a housing market free from discrimination based on national origin, race, color, religion, sex, disability and familial status; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona recognizes and values the efforts of those who seek to reduce barriers to full and fair housing opportunities; and

WHEREAS, we also salute the organizations with a statewide focus in promoting fair housing opportunities for all Arizonans and who consider fair and affordable housing an important element of our society.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

* ARIZONA FAIR HOUSING MONTH *

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* ARIZONA NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY *

[M12-111]

WHEREAS, National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NNHAAD) is held on the first day of Spring (March 20) to educate American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians about HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) have experienced a long history of lower health status when compared with other Americans, which includes lower life expectancy and higher disease occurrence than other racial and ethnic groups due to inadequate health education, disproportionate poverty, and limited access to healthcare; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona and nationally, AI/AN have higher rates of HIV/AIDS infection compared to the general population, and survival after an AIDS diagnosis is poorer among AI/AN compared to other racial groups; and

WHEREAS, the status of the HIV/AIDS epidemic among AI/AN is a public health crisis that requires a focused national, state, and tribal effort to bring attention to the prevention needs of AI/AN people, and to raise awareness of the public, elected officials, and public health agencies on this issue; and

WHEREAS, tribes, tribal organizations, urban Indian centers and coalitions in Arizona recognize the need and have taken major steps to bring attention to the diagnosis, care, and morbidity of HIV/AIDS among AI/AN individuals and families across Arizona; and

WHEREAS, American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, having strong familial, cultural, and spiritual connectedness continue to be resilient by taking charge of their own health, including taking meaningful steps to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2012 as

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* ARIZONA NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS 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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* ARIZONA SAFE DIGGING MONTH *

[M12-112]

WHEREAS, each year, the nation's underground utility infrastructure is jeopardized by unintentional damage by those who fail to have underground lines located prior to digging; and

WHEREAS, undesired consequences such as service interruption, damage to the environment, personal injury, and fatality are the potential results; and

WHEREAS, designated by the Federal Communications Commission in 2005, 811 provides potential excavators and homeowners a simple number to reach their local One Call Center to request utility line locations at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS, through education of safe digging practices, excavators and homeowners can save time and money keeping our nation safe and connected by making a simple call to 811 in advance of any digging project; waiting the required amount of time; respecting the marked lines by maintaining visual definition throughout the course of the excavation; and digging with care around the marks; and

WHEREAS, safe digging is no accident and all parties agree that safe digging is a shared responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

* ARIZONA SAFE DIGGING MONTH *

and encourage excavators and homeowners throughout Arizona to always call 811 before digging.

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* ARIZONA YOUTH WEEK *

[M12-118]

WHEREAS, the Elks Lodges of the State of Arizona will observe the first week in May as Elks National Youth Week in tribute to our Junior Citizens, honoring them for their achievements and contributions to the life of the community, State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, these young people represent the Nation's future and in the years ahead they will assume responsibility for the advancement of our free society; and

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WHEREAS, our youth need guidance, inspiration and encouragement, which we must give in order to develop those qualities of character essential for future leadership, and to go forth to serve America; and

WHEREAS, all Elks Lodges recognize the youth of our communities with projects, scholarship programs for high school seniors, and after prom events; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this worthy objective we should demonstrate our partnership with youths, our understanding of their hopes and aspiration, and a sincere willingness to help prepare them for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 1 - 7, 2012 as

* ARIZONA YOUTH WEEK *

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH *

[M12-113]

WHEREAS, awareness about child abuse and neglect strengthens communities and builds support for children and families in the effort to prevent child abuse; and

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2011, Arizona Child Protective Services received over 34,500 reports involving the alleged maltreatment of more than 54,000 children; and

WHEREAS, parents and caretakers who understand how children grow and develop can provide an environment where children can live up to their potential; and

WHEREAS, trusted and caring family and friends provide emotional support to parents and caretakers by offering encouragement and assistance in facing the daily challenges of raising a family; and

WHEREAS, parenting is one of the toughest and most important jobs in America, and everyone has a stake in ensuring that parents and caretakers have access to the resources and supports they need to be successful; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention requires partnerships among federal, state, and local governments, faith-based and community-based organizations, schools, law enforcement agencies, social service organizations, and families; and

WHEREAS, if you suspect child abuse or neglect is happening in a home with children, do not remain silent. Call Child Protective Services or law enforcement immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

* CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH *

and call upon the citizens of Arizona to participate in efforts to prevent child abuse and renew their commitment to strengthening the communities in which we live.

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

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GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH *

[M12-116]

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A, that causes insufficient breakdown of lipids, which build up to harmful levels in the body causing lysosomal and cellular dysfunction; and

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is a rare, progressive, destructive, and life-threatening inherited disorder that causes children and adults to suffer life-altering symptoms such as pain, decreased ability to perspire, intolerance to heat and exercise, unexplained fevers, gastrointestinal upset, and excessive school and work absences; and

WHEREAS, Fabry disease can progress to include hearing loss, lung disease, heart disease, kidney disease, cerebrovascular disease, and other symptoms, and causes premature death in adults due to heart attacks, strokes and kidney failure; and

WHEREAS, the current estimate of classic Fabry disease incidence in the U.S. is 1 in 50,000 males and twice as many females with a very high but lesser percentage of females with disease symptoms; and

WHEREAS, Fabry disease is severely under-recognized and misdiagnosed, and is often diagnosed too late after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

WHEREAS, increased physician and family education are critical to increase disease recognition and awareness to fight this tragic but treatable disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

* FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH *

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* OPERATION: MILITARY KIDS MONTH *

[M12-117]

WHEREAS, when citizens of Arizona are mobilized by the National Guard and military reserves to serve our country, the children left behind have newly acquired, unique needs for extra support and services; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona has become a partner in the Operation: Military Kids (OMK) initiative – a U.S. Army's collaborative effort with America's communities to support children and youth of National Guard, and Reserve families impacted by deployment; and

WHEREAS, the presence of military families in communities throughout Arizona defines a need to provide statewide training to community agencies serving youth to best provide critical services to military youth; and

WHEREAS, April 2012 brings the opportunity for community partnerships between organizations, educating the public on

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the impact of deployment, creating community support networks, delivering educational, recreational, and social outreach programs and ensuring that military youth become part of ongoing programs offered in the communities where they live; and

WHEREAS, we applaud the efforts of the Operation: Military Kids initiative and its growing network of partnering community organizations and the continued excellent work of the Arizona OMK team.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2012 as

* OPERATION: MILITARY KIDS MONTH *

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* RADIOLOGY NURSES DAY *

[M12-121]

WHEREAS, the Association for Radiologic and Imaging Nursing (ARIN), formerly known as ARNA, was founded in 1981 as the professional organization representing nurses who practice in diagnostic and therapeutic imaging environments; and

WHEREAS, radiology nurses provide, promote, and maintain continuity of quality patient care in imaging environments, promote the specialty of radiology nursing as well as excellence in radiology nursing; and

WHEREAS, radiology nurses demonstrate innovative techniques and approaches in health care to better meet the needs of patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, radiology nurses influence public policy and legislation affecting healthcare and are strong advocates for the nursing profession and the delivery of top quality health care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2012 as

* RADIOLOGY NURSES 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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

* WILDFIRE PREVENTION WEEK *

[M12-114]

WHEREAS, Arizona's forests, woodlands, grasslands, and deserts are a precious natural resource that enrich the lives of our residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, an average of 2,500 wildfires occur on Arizona lands each year posing threat to citizens and property; and

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WHEREAS, in 2011, over one million acres of land were damaged by wildfire in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, severe wildfires impact watersheds, air quality, wildlife habitat, and local economies; and

WHEREAS, Arizona continues to experience drought conditions which makes vegetation receptive to ignition and rapid wildfire spread; and

WHEREAS, over half of wildfires in Arizona are human-caused and preventable; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal wildland firefighting and natural resource organizations are working together to educate and promote wildfire prevention throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, those persons living in the wildland urban interface need to act to reduce wildfire risk by following Firewise principles that include proper landscaping and vegetation treatments, fire resistant building design and materials, and adequate road access; and

WHEREAS, we must all do our part to prevent wildfires through practicing fire safe behaviors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim March 25 – 31, 2012 as

* WILDFIRE PREVENTION WEEK *

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2011-05

State Regulatory Rule Making Review and Moratorium To Promote Job Creation and Retention

Editor's Note: This Executive Order is being reproduced in each issue of the Administrative Register until its expiration on June 30, 2012 as a notice to the public regarding state agencies' rulemaking activities.

[M11-234]

WHEREAS, my first official action as Governor was to institute a regulatory rule making review and moratorium process ("regulatory review and moratorium") in order to prevent additional and unnecessary burdens on our private sector employers and political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, other states have since implemented regulatory reviews and moratoriums; and

WHEREAS, the economic climate in Arizona continues to challenge both those seeking employment and our employers, who are the key to increasing job opportunities in this State; and

WHEREAS, a predictable regulatory climate in this State will promote job creation and retention; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted the regulatory review and moratorium for fiscal year 2009 - 2010 by passing House Bill 2008 in the 2009 Third Special Session; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature continued the regulatory review and moratorium for fiscal year 2010 - 2011 by passing House Bill 2260 in the 2010 Second Regular Session; and

WHEREAS, the current regulatory review and moratorium expires on June 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of the current regulatory review and moratorium could result in a regulatory explosion detri-

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mental to job creation and retention in this State; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby declare that for fiscal year 2011-2012 ending June 30, 2012, the following:

- 1. A state agency, subject to this Order pursuant to Paragraph 4, shall not conduct any rule making except as permitted by this Order. The objective of this Order is eliminate any unnecessary increased monetary or regulatory costs on employers, persons, individuals, other state agencies, or political subdivisions of this State. This prohibition includes any informal rule making prior to the commencement of the formal rule making process.
- 2. Paragraph 1 does not apply to state agency rule making for any one or more of the following reasons:
 - a. To fulfill an objective related to job creation in this State.
 - b. To lessen or ease a regulatory burden while achieving the same regulatory objective.
 - c. To prevent a significant threat to the public health, peace or safety.
 - d. To avoid a violation of a court order or federal law that would result in sanctions by a court or federal government against an agency for failure to conduct the rule making action.
 - e. To comply with a federal statutory or regulatory requirement or a state statutory requirement if the applicable statute or regulation contains a date certain for compliance on or before December 31, 2012 or is necessary under subparagraph (c) of this Paragraph.
 - f. To fulfill an obligation related to fees or any other action necessary to implement the state budget that is certified by the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting.
 - g. To promulgate a rule or other item that is exempt from title 41, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, pursuant to section 41-1005, Arizona Revised Statutes.
 - h. To address matters pertaining to the control, mitigation or eradication of waste, fraud or abuse within a state agency or wasteful, fraudulent or abusive activities perpetrated against a state agency.
- 3. A state agency, subject to this Order pursuant to Paragraph 4, shall not conduct any informal or formal rule making pursuant to Paragraph 2 or otherwise without the prior written approval of the Office of the Governor.
- 4. This Order applies to all state agencies, except for: (a) any state agency that is headed by a single elected state official, (b) the corporation commission, or (c) any state agency whose agency head is not appointed by the Governor.
- 5. All state officials and state agencies that are not subject to this Order pursuant to Paragraph 4 are encouraged to participate voluntarily within the context of their own rule making processes.
- 6. State agencies may continue a rule making that was authorized by the Office of the Governor on or after January 22, 2009. All state agencies, subject to this Order pursuant to Paragraph 4, shall report to the Office of Governor by July 29, 2011 all pending rule makings and any pending requests to the Office of Governor for rule making.
- 7. This Order does not confer any legal rights upon any persons and shall not be used as a basis for legal challenges to rules, approvals, permits, licenses or other actions or to any inaction of a state agency.
- 8. For the purposes of this executive order, "person", "rule" and "rule making" have the same meanings prescribed in section 41-1001, Arizona Revised Statutes.

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 GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix, Arizona this 30th day of June in the year Two Thousand Eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth.

ATTEST: Ken Bennett Secretary of State