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**GOVERNOR PROCLAMATIONS**

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**AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH**

[M16-110]

**WHEREAS**, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a fatal neurodegenerative disease characterized by degeneration of cell bodies of the lower motor neurons in the gray matter of the anterior horns of the spinal cord, with weakness of the skeletal muscles, especially those of the extremities being the initial symptom; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS, with 5,000 new patients diagnosed each year; and

**WHEREAS**, ALS does not affect a patient's mental capacity, so that the patient remains alert and aware of his or her loss of motor functions and the inevitable outcome of continued deterioration and death; and

**WHEREAS**, ALS strikes a person regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity and has no known cause, means of prevention, or cure and as ALS progresses the patient experiences difficulty in swallowing, talking, and breathing eventually causing the muscles to atrophy and the patient becomes a functional quadriplegic; and

**WHEREAS**, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS only survive two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month increases the public's awareness of ALS patients' circumstances and acknowledges the terrible impact this disease has not only on the patient, but on his or her family and the community and recognizes the research being done to eradicate this horrible disease.

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

**AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS 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-first day of April 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**

**ARIZONA STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY**

[M16-111]

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's state employees make a significant contribution to the well-being and quality of life for all citizens of our state; and

**WHEREAS**, state employees have dedicated themselves to embrace a culture of continuous improvement where we reflect daily on how we are doing while always seeking a better way through a people-centered approach, with a focus on customer service and accountability to the taxpayer; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is served by an empowered workforce of highly engaged and creative men and women who dedicate every day to serving our customers' needs and earning the taxpayers' trust in many essential areas including education, health care, crime prevention, fire protection, economic development and management, transportation, and conservation of energy and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, state employees are engaged and equipped to streamline work, adding value and eliminating waste in order to bring government into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, which enhances the quality of service provided to the public, helping Arizona become the number one state to live, work, play, retire, recreate and get an education; and

**WHEREAS**, state employees deliver services with competence, skill and dedication which help Arizona develop a reputation for quality and excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is pleased to join other states across the nation on May 4, 2016 to express special appreciation and gratitude for their hard work and generous spirit of dedication to the citizens of our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2016 as

**ARIZONA STATE EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY**

throughout the State, and encourage all Arizonans to recognize our state employees for their hard work and dedication to the people across the Grand Canyon State.

**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-first day of April 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**

**ARIZONA TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK**

[M16-112]

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Travel Association promotes the celebration of National Travel and Tourism Week, May 1 – 7, 2016, to support the positive impact travel has, as a major U.S. industry, on the nation's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona celebrates the state's travel and tourism industry as one of Arizona's leading export-oriented industries generating \$20.9 billion in direct visitor spending, and positively affecting all 15 statewide counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's travel and tourism industry enriches the lives of our residents by contributing to public services that improve our well-being and quality of life by generating \$2.8 billion in federal, state and local tax revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's travel and tourism industry directly supports 171,500 million jobs, and indirectly supports more than 300,000 statewide jobs connected to other industry-related businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Office of Tourism leads the Arizona travel and tourism industry in promoting the state's global image as a vibrant travel destination with unforgettable scenery, exciting outdoor adventures, rejuvenating resorts and spas, authentic local cuisines and a celebrated history to attract travelers and increase the economic benefits of visitor spending to the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 1 – 7, 2016 as

**ARIZONA TRAVEL AND TOURISM WEEK**

and I further encourage residents and visitors to discover Arizona's vibrant travel and tourism offerings and celebrate Arizona as a place to live, work and visit.

**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 sixth day of April 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**

**ARIZONA YOUTH WEEK**

[M16-113]

**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

**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 in 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 aspirations, and a sincere willingness to help prepare them for the responsibilities and opportunities of citizenship.



NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 1 - 7, 2016 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

**Douglas A. Ducey**

**GOVERNOR**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this sixth day of April 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**

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

[M16-114]

**WHEREAS**, our future depends on the quality of the early childhood experiences provided to young children today and high quality early childhood services represent a valuable commitment to our children's future; and

**WHEREAS**, annually, 3,093 child care providers work with the Arizona Department of Economic Security to serve 51,972 children so family members may accept or maintain employment thus reducing or avoiding dependence on public assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the contribution of child care providers to our children's future is worthy of the highest respect; and

**WHEREAS**, by calling attention to the importance of high quality child care services for all children and families in the State of Arizona, we hope to improve the quality and availability of such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Arizona encourages parents to take this day to show their child care providers how much they appreciate them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 6, 2016 as

**CHILD CARE PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY**

and urge all citizens to join me in acknowledging Arizona's child care providers for their invaluable contributions made to the State of Arizona on this special day and throughout the year.

**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-first day of April 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**

**CORNELIA DE LANGE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

[M16-115]

**WHEREAS**, the good health and general well-being of the people of Arizona, is strengthened by our knowledge and understanding of a little-known genetic disorder known as Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS); and

**WHEREAS**, children with CdLS are usually born with low birth weight and develop at a slower rate, both cognitively and physically, and experience many medical complications; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated professionals are presently involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and diagnostic tools and to offer hope to children with CdLS; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 20,000 men, women and children in the United States have CdLS but remain undiagnosed or without support services; therefore, they miss out on critical medical services and support that can impact their quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona is pleased to join people throughout our nation in promoting a special celebration which seeks to raise awareness of Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, designed to have a positive and productive impact on the lives of all people with CdLS and their caregivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2016 as

**CORNELIA DE LANGE 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 sixth day of April 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**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

[M16-116]

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's 18,000-strong cadre of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers are called to care for 6.5 million Arizonan citizens and visitors 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's EMS providers work for fire services, ambulance services, law enforcement agencies, hospital emergency departments and trauma centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's EMS providers faithfully respond to these calls for care while maintaining composure under unimaginably difficult and dangerous circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, EMS is an indispensable part of Arizona's public health system, often the first point of access to care; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Arizona takes one week each year to recognize the valued and dedicated services Arizona's EMS providers perform throughout the year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 15 – 21, 2016 as

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 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 twenty-first day of April 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**

**HEALTH MEANS BUSINESS DAY**

[M16-117]

**WHEREAS**, workplaces understand that healthy communities are vital to economic growth and competitiveness, and that health and economic growth must align to build healthier communities throughout Arizona; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona must create many destination places to recruit and retain the best and brightest people – places where they want to live, work and play; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona consistently ranks highly in national rankings for best places to do business; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and well-being of Arizonans is critical to the continued success of our economy vitality; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's focus must be on creating a culture of health in order to remain a great state to do business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Health Means Business Forum joins together workplaces, schools and communities to continue to improve our health and well-being rankings collectively.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2016 as

**HEALTH MEANS BUSINESS 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-first day of April 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**

**HETEROTAXY SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY**

[M16-118]

**WHEREAS**, heterotaxy syndrome is a congenital condition that affects the development, placement and presence of internal organs, and requires a team of many specialists for treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, the public is unaware of heterotaxy syndrome, including many medical professionals; and

**WHEREAS**, families struggle to educate medical teams and are often the only common thread between medical specialties; and

**WHEREAS**, mortality is high, but due to lack of tracking and research, the exact numbers are unclear; and

**WHEREAS**, Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day provides an opportunity for families whose lives have been affected to celebrate life and to remember loved ones lost, to honor dedicated health professionals, and to meet others and know they are not alone; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of Heterotaxy Syndrome Awareness Day will also provide the opportunity to share experience and information with the public and the media, in order to raise awareness about heterotaxy syndrome.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 4, 2016 as

**HETEROTAXY 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 eighteenth day of April 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**