

Janet Napolitano  
Governor

# Office of the Governor

**\* LEARN AND SERVE CHALLENGE WEEK \***

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's youth make important contributions to the State's well-being every day of the year and Arizona depends on youth as vital community assets; and

**WHEREAS**, service-learning, an effective teaching method that combines service to the community with curriculum-based learning, allows students and other youth to practice knowledge, skills, and behaviors, while meeting community needs; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that service-learning has an enduring positive impact on students' academic achievement, personal and social development, and civic engagement, and empowers students and other youth to take leadership roles in improving society; and

**WHEREAS**, students not only learn about democracy and citizenship, and also become engaged community members through the service they perform; and

**WHEREAS**, service-learning activities provide students and other youth with opportunities for career exploration and the chance to develop and practice job skills; and

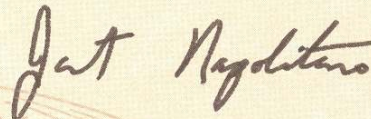
**WHEREAS**, it is important to encourage all Arizona teachers and schools to engage students and communities in service-learning activities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2008 as

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and call upon Arizona youth and communities to engage in service-learning projects, promote the spirit of service-learning, and recognize the contributions of all those who participate in the civic and academic engagement of Arizona's young people.

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



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GOVERNOR

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventeenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.

**ATTEST:**



Janice K. Brewer  
Secretary of State

