

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH ***

WHEREAS, counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its citizens in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are often the entity providing both direct and indirect services to enhance the lives of residents and are responsible for maintaining public safety and the efficient use of local tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, counties take a leadership role to protect and enhance the health and welfare of citizens in their community and provide the tools to deliver more effective and higher quality services while containing costs, with the goal to strengthen Arizona's economies; and

WHEREAS, counties take great pride in upholding public safety by providing law enforcement, by conducting criminal investigations, by safely and responsibly housing inmates within the county jail system, and by segregating those federally required in order to maintain security for other inmates and detention officers; and

WHEREAS, counties maintain best practices and policies to seek cost-effective alternatives to incarceration for non-violent and non-sexual offenders, and work hand-in-hand with the justice system, including law enforcement, courts and probation; and

WHEREAS, there are 15 counties in the State of Arizona collectively responsible for and serving the needs of every resident of the State; and

WHEREAS, Arizona counties reflect the wide diversity of people, culture, and landscape in our State; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the leadership, innovation and valuable service provided by the State's counties, especially in the public safety field.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as

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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 nineteenth day of March in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-seventh.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett

Secretary of State