## STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, "a date which will live in infamy" the Naval Forces of Imperial Japan, without warning, attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the USS Arizona was one of eight battleships sunk or damaged by the attack; and

WHEREAS, this date has been memorialized annually by the veterans of Arizona and by thousands of families affected by the bombing of Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, we pay honor to the thousands of men and women who have given their lives to preserve the freedoms of our nation; and

WHEREAS, this year, on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that tragic day, we pause to remember those horrific events by paying tribute to those who died defending our freedom, and expressing gratitude to those who courageously responded in its aftermath; and

WHEREAS, this unwarranted act that occurred many years ago reminds us that all Americans must stand together as we continue to heal our wounds and remain committed to defending our nation's freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby acknowledge the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, and proclaim Wednesday, December 7, 2016 as

## PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the State of Arizona. I hereby order all Arizona flags to be flown at half-staff at all state buildings in the State of Arizona, from sunrise to sunset, in honor and remembrance of all those who lost their lives in defense of liberty, and I also call on Arizonans to pay tribute to the "Greatest Generation" and acknowledge their many sacrifices to preserve our American Way of Life. I furthermore encourage all Arizonans to observe this solemn day of remembrance to honor our military, past and present, with appropriate ceremonies and activities.



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

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-second day of November in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and

Forty-First.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

Michael Reagan