Janice K. Brewer

Office of the Governor

* WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK *

WHEREAS, healthy wildlife populations are an integral part of Arizona's natural environment, serve as an indicator for the overall health of Arizona's statewide ecosystems, and generate \$2.54 billion in hunting, fishing and watchable wildlife revenue for the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, each year in the U.S. more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on road; and

WHEREAS, the average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is \$8.4 billion; and

WHEREAS, the success of wildlife movement and survival in Arizona remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement; and

WHEREAS, hunting, fishing and wildlife watching are some of the most popular outdoor recreational activities for tourists and residents in Arizona.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2011 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. Bruver

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this first day of September in the year Two Thousand and Eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth. **ATTEST:**

Secretary of State