

Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Office of the Governor

* BILL OF RIGHTS MONUMENT DAY*

WHEREAS, the First Ten Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, were ratified on December 15, 1791; and

WHEREAS, the Bill of Rights is the most powerful and successful assertion of individual rights and liberties ever written, and has served as one of the most important and influential documents in American history. The Bill of Rights recognizes, affirms and protects fundamental human and civil rights for people of all races who have struggled for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Arizona Legislature, in a rare and unanimous bipartisan vote, authorized a special site at Wesley Bolin Park to be set aside for the Bill of Rights Monument – making Arizona the first state in the nation to honor the Bill of Rights through a monument of this stature; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that over one million Arizona school children and millions of other visitors, of all ages, will view the Bill of Rights Monument and will be educated and inspired by the founding principles of our free society during the monument's 100 plus year lifespan; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Bill of Rights Monument Project to raise funds for the completion of the Bill of Rights Monument, the Phoenix Comedy Festival will be held the evening of May 13, 2012, featuring comedy legends Lewis Black; Bill Engvall; Bob Goldthwait; Dick Gregory; Kathleen Madigan; Father Guido Sarducci; Tommy Smothers; Steven Wright, along with Little Feat musicians Paul Barrere and Fred Tackett.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the state of Arizona, do hereby recognize the efforts of the Bill of Rights Monument Project by designating May 13, 2012 as

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in Arizona, and urge all Arizonans to commemorate the Bill of Rights on this day that honors the fundamental rights it enshrines and the sacrifices made to create and preserve these rights.

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 twentieth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-sixth.

ATTEST:

Ken Blumett
Secretary of State

