

State of Arizona



PROCLAMATION – CANADA DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL

CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF CANADA'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF ARIZONA AND CANADA AND BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

WHEREAS, For 150 years, the relationship between the United States and Canada has been a model for the world. Our two countries have worked together to create jobs on both sides of the border through integrated economies; protected our shared waterways, airspace, and border; defended North America from threats, at home and abroad; and fostered a commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, Our citizens have developed deep collaboration, friendship, and family ties over the course of history and our continued cooperation for the next 150 years will be essential to address the challenges that lie ahead in North America and in the world; and

WHEREAS, Defense arrangements between the United States and Canada are more extensive than with any other nation, and Canada is a major ally of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Canada share not only a secure 5,522-mile border, which is the world's longest border, but also a vibrant history of democratic governance, military and economic partnerships, and cultural ties; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Canada have the largest and most comprehensive trade and investment relationship in the world, valued at \$1.4 trillion, which equates to nearly \$700 billion in goods and services crossing our shared border, including \$115 billion in energy, each year; and

WHEREAS, Arizona contributes significantly to this relationship, with bilateral trade totalling \$3.7 billion; and

WHEREAS Canada is the top export destination for 35 states, and the second largest for Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 9 million American jobs are dependent on trade with Canada, including 146,800 jobs in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Canada and Arizona have robust people to people ties that result in increased business relationships. Each year, over a million Canadians visit Arizona, spending over \$1 billion.

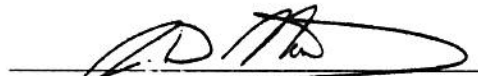
WHEREAS, Over 25,000 homes in Arizona are Canadian-owned, and more than 350 Canadian-owned businesses operate across 1,000 locations in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, An important area of trade between Arizona and Canada is in the agricultural sector, with over \$200 million in exports to Canada each year; and


THEREFORE; *Be It Proclaimed by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona that February 28, 2017 is CANADA DAY AT THE STATE CAPITOL,*

- (1) That the Arizona House of Representatives congratulates Canada and her people on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation and expresses deep appreciation to the people and government of Canada for their long history of friendship and cooperation with the people and government of the United States and the state of Arizona.
- (2) That the House of Representatives recognizes the important economic and trade relationship between the two nations and the outstanding economic relationship between Canada and Arizona.
- (3) That the House of Representatives recognizes the important contribution that Canadian tourists and snowbirds make to the Arizona economy.
- (4) That the House of Representatives honors Arizona's friend and ally, Canada, and looks forward to many more years of cooperation, friendship, trade, tourism, and good will.

Dated this 28th day of February 2017



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