

Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

***HOPE FOR WOMEN IN RECOVERY DAY ***

WHEREAS, healthy children are the most important resource in the great state of Arizona and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Spectrum Disorders (FASD) poses a serious threat to the potential health of our future generations; 30 years have passed since this syndrome was identified and named as a birth disorder by United States researchers; and

WHEREAS, prenatal exposure to alcohol can cause birth defects, mental retardation, learning disabilities, attention deficits, and behavior disorders, yet 23% of U.S. women report drinking alcohol in their first trimester of pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, the rate of drinking by women in Arizona is higher than the national average and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Spectrum Disorders (FASD) are a major factor in numerous social disorders, including learning disabilities, juvenile delinquency, school drop-outs, homelessness, unemployment, mental illness, and crime; and

WHEREAS, the substance abuse and mental health services administration (SAMHSA) and the FASD Center for Excellence are sponsoring a two-day Women and Recovery Summit to bring awareness and information about FASD, we support and acknowledge the women in treatment who are here to listen and learn about FASD; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona do hereby proclaim June 29, 2004 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

Janet Napolitano

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-third day of June in the year Two Thousand and Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-eighth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

