Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

***PAIN AWARENESS MONTH ***

WHEREAS, approximately 50 million Americans are living with chronic pain today and it is the number one cause of adult disability in the United States according to the joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).; and

WHEREAS, the American Chronic Pain Association (ACPA) has over 500 support groups available in over nine countries; and

WHEREAS, these support groups teach pain management skills that are constructive methods of dealing with pain; and

WHEREAS, ACPA through Pain Awareness Month, will create public awareness and facilitate cooperative efforts among various organizations with an interest in the many aspects of pain and address the many obstacles and issues that living with chronic pain create;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September, 2004 as

PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

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

Jan Napolitano

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourteenth 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