

Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PREVENTION DAY

WHEREAS, the year 2004 marks the 50th anniversary of the Watershed Protections and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 83-566), signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 4, 1954; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, 23 Watershed dams have been constructed and 6 land treatment projects initiated through this program by a partnership of local sponsors such as conservation districts, counties, municipalities, and private landowners with assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; and

WHEREAS, these dams and applied conservation practices provide \$55 million in average annual benefits to the Citizens of Arizona due to the protection of lives and property and reduction of flood and erosion damage to land and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, these watershed dams improve the quality of life for Arizona citizens by providing recreational areas, water conservation, water quality improvement, open landscapes and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, this is to be a day of recognition and appreciation for the benefits provided by Arizona watershed projects and for the dedication of watershed project sponsors and local partnerships who help plan and implement the projects, and a day to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona do hereby proclaim August 4, 2004 as

***WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD PREVENTION DAY ***

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 sixteenth day of July in the year Two Thousand and Four and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-ninth.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State

