

Governor's Executive Orders/Proclamations

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this thirtieth day of January in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirtieth.

ATTEST:

**Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State**

*** RAUL H. CASTRO DAY ***

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WHEREAS, Latinos represent the fastest growing minority group in the nation, in 2002 there were 37.4 million Latinos in the U.S. representing 13.3 percent of the total population, with approximately 1.3 million Latinos in Arizona, representing over 25 percent of the State population; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's Latino population increased by almost 90 percent between 1990 and 2000; at this growth rate, Latinos will soon become the largest ethnic population group in the State; and

WHEREAS, Raul H. Castro has served Arizona and the United States for over six decades, earning a reputation as a leader with deep compassion and a strong work ethic and a tireless advocate for those striving to share in the American dream; and

WHEREAS, as an attorney, Superior Court Judge, United States Ambassador and Governor of Arizona, Raul Castro has recognized that while Latinos contribute greatly to the State's economy and rich cultural heritage, they also face many challenges; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the growing need for educational and health related services in the Arizona Latino community, the Raul H. Castro Institute (RCI): Public Policy, Education, Leadership has been established through a historical partnership between Arizona State University and Maricopa County Community College District; and

WHEREAS, through combined efforts with educational institutions, government, nonprofits, and community-based organizations, RCI intends to educate and strengthen nonprofits, community-based organizations, and educational institutions by fostering connections between research and practice and by promoting the implementation of recognized culturally competent best practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, in honor of this historical partnership, do hereby proclaim February 16, 2006 as

*** RAUL H. CASTRO 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 ninth day of February in the year Two Thousand and Six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty.

ATTEST:

**Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State**