

Governor Napolitano Proclaims March as Manufactured Housing Month in Arizona

Governor Janet Napolitano has issued an official proclamation declaring that March is Manufactured Housing Month in Arizona. The text of the proclamation is as follows:

Whereas, the Manufactured Housing Industry has had an economic impact on the State of Arizona during the year 2005 of \$1,000,000,000;

Whereas, the Manufactured Housing Industry provides jobs to over 7,000 employees in over 3,000 manufactured housing businesses;

Whereas, the Manufactured Housing Industry sells over 6,000 new homes per year built under state of the art conditions, using the latest technology and design innovations;

Whereas, the Manufactured Housing Industry has provided homes for approximately 370,000 families and 725,000 individuals in Arizona;

Whereas, the Manufactured Housing Industry will be conducting Home Shows in Phoenix and Tucson during the month of March to increase homeownership opportunities for Arizona families; and

Whereas, the Manufactured Housing Industry is celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the National Building Code for Manufactured Housing during 2006.

NOW, therefore, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2006 as Manufactured Housing Month.

“This proclamation recognizes the significant impact that the Manufactured Housing Industry has within Arizona,” said Bill Trottier, Executive Director of the Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona (MHIA), continuing, “Everyone throughout our industry is very proud of this level of recognition from Governor Napolitano, and we hope to continue creating public awareness that today’s Manufactured Homes are a quality, affordable alternative to site-built housing, constructed to strict energy-efficient guidelines and building standards as outlined by the HUD Code. Today’s Manufactured Homes are a far cry from the mobile homes and trailers of yesterday.”

During 2005, Arizona ranked 3rd in the nation for shipments of multisection Manufactured Homes, behind Florida and California, who ranked 1st and 2nd respectively.

The Manufactured Housing Industry of Arizona is dedicated to increasing home ownership opportunities in Arizona by focusing on image improvement, zoning equality and customer satisfaction. Its membership includes Manufacturers, Retailers, Developers, Contractors/Installers, Lenders, Suppliers, and Brokers of Pre-Owned

Homes. MHIA has a legislative and regulatory program designed to protect and promote the interests of the industry. It also conducts educational programs designed to address members' needs and industry issues.