

Governor Doug Ducey Announces *Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day* In His State of the State Address

PHOENIX (January 13 ,2020) -- During Governor Ducey's 2020 State of the State speech, Governor Ducey called for legislation to declare one day a year *Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day*.

The legislation would dedicate a day for classroom instruction to be committed entirely to civics. The day would be held on, or the closest day to, September 25 — the anniversary of the day she was sworn in as the first woman on the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Governor stated:

"We are blessed to have one Arizonan who's the ideal of this aspirational creed. Her life is a living civics lesson-- and Arizona is fortunate to be home to the Institute that bears her name. I'm talking about Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Who better to hold as a model for the next generation?"

Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration day will be a continuation of Governor Ducey's efforts to further the study of Civics in Arizona schools. The Governor stated the importance of not just teaching, but demonstrating, the values of our founding principles in our daily lives to protect constitutional rights for all Americans.

The Sandra Day O'Connor Institute is honored to support the Governor in a dedication of this day and will continue its efforts to advance civics education in Arizona. In the words of Justice O'Connor, "Less than one-third of eighth-graders can identify the historical purpose of the Declaration of Independence - and it's right there in the name."

The O'Connor Institute looks forward to working toward the dedication of *Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Celebration Day* to continue the legacy of one of our most impactful Arizonans and continue to lead *The Arizona Way*.

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