EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the full-text publication of all Executive Orders and Proclamations of General Applicability issued by the Governor. In addition, the *Register* shall include each statement filed by the Governor in granting a commutation, pardon or reprieve, or stay or suspension of execution where a sentence of death is imposed.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-12

DESIGNATION OF WILLIAMS GATEWAY AIRPORT AS A MILITARY REUSE ZONE

WHEREAS, Williams Air Force Base closed on September 30, 1993, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law No. 101-510) and the recommendations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Committee; and

WHEREAS, Williams Air Force Base was a military facility used for operational and training purposes of the active uninformed services of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Williams Air Force Base, affectionately known as "Willie" to its friends and neighbors, was the largest flying training base in the free world and, during its fifty-two years of operation, graduated more than 26,000 student pilots and trained twenty-five 30% of the nation's yearly output of U.S. Air Force pilots; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Williams Air Force Base resulted in the loss of more than 3,800 jobs and $300 million of economic activity, and the state of Arizona and local communities faced with the challenge of replacing these losses formed a unique partnership to develop a comprehensive economic reuse plan for Williams Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, a primary component of this economic reuse initiative was the 1992 enactment of Arizona's "Defensive Restructuring and Military Reuse Zone Program", a forward thinking legislative framework for designating closed military bases in Arizona as "Military Reuse Zones" and including targeted economic incentives for aviation and aerospace businesses creating new jobs and making capital investments within these zones; and

WHEREAS, the Williams Gateway Airport Authority desired to establish a civil airport on a portion of the lands comprising Williams Air Force Base and applied to the Air Force for a public benefit transfer of such lands with improvements thereon, together with certain related personal property, under Section 47151, of Title 49 of the United States Code; and

WHEREAS, the Air Force determined that the property identified in the Williams Gateway Airport Authority's Application was excess and approved and accepted the Application, pursuant to its authority under the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law No: 101-510), to dispose of the real property and related personal property comprising a portion of Williams Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Air Force then leased to the Williams Gateway Airport Authority the premises and property consisting of certain lands with improvements thereon, comprising a portion of Williams Air Force Base, more particularly described in Exhibits A and B ("Leased Premises") of Lease No: BCA-OLS-015 ("Lease") executed in January 1996; and

WHEREAS, this lease is for a term beginning January 15, 1996, and ending with respect to any part or all of the Leased Premises upon the conveyance and delivery of the deed for that part or all of the Leased Premises tot he Williams Gateway Airport Authority, or at midnight on the day which is twenty-five (25) years from the beginning date of the term of the Lease, whichever first occurs; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Governor has consulted with the Director of the Department of Commerce who has requested, by letter dated July 1, 1996, that Williams Gateway Airport be designated as a Military Reuse Zone, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1531, for a period of five years from the date of the designation; and

WHEREAS, designation as a Military Reuse Zone will facilitate state add local economic readjustment efforts by providing new opportunities for commercial and industrial development, including major infrastructure improvements necessary to construct new hangars, office, and manufacturing facilities, that will spur job creation and accelerate economic and redevelopment growth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona by the Constitution and Laws of this State, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1531, do hereby:

1. Designate the Williams Gateway Airport premises and property consisting of certain lands with improvements thereon comprising a portion of Williams Air Force Base as described in Exhibits A and B of Lease No: BCA-OLS-015 executed in January 1996, between the Secretary of the Air Force, on behalf of the United States of America, and the Williams Gateway Airport Authority, as a Military Reuse Zone; and

2. Set the termination date for this Military Reuse Zone for five years from the date of this designation, unless during the last year before termination the Department of Commerce recommends and the Governor and Legislature renew this Military Reuse Zone by joint resolution in accordance with A.R.S. § 41-1531(B).

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

FIFE SYMINGTON
Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this second day of August in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-six and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twentieth.

ATTEST:

JANE DEE HULL
Secretary of State