Janet Napolitano
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS ***
*** GIVING THANKS AND GIVING BACK ***

WHEREAS, Arizona families are facing tough times and Arizona's food banks are stretched thin, and in the past year, the working poor in Arizona have seen a 10 percent increase in costs to maintain basic living necessities such as food, shelter, and clothing; and

WHEREAS, nearly 82,000 Arizonans are receiving emergency food services in any given week; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 881,000 people, including 331,000 children, experience the need for emergency food annually in the State of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, despite a reallocation of resources, food banks cannot keep up with the increase in demand; and

WHEREAS, individuals, organizations and communities can help make sure every family has food on the table by making a donation of cash or food items at their local food bank or organizing a community food drive; and

WHEREAS, working together, we can help fight hunger in Arizona during the holidays and throughout the upcoming year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim December 2008 as

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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 fourteenth day of November in the year Two Thousand and Eight and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third.
ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
Secretary of State