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## GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS APRIL "ARIZONA SAVINGS & INVESTMENT MONTH"

PHOENIX – Governor Jane Dee Hull issued a proclamation naming April “Arizona Savings and Investment Month.” The Arizona Corporation Commission sought the proclamation as part of a host of activities designed to inform and educate investors throughout this month. Educated investors who understand the risks and rewards of various investment vehicles are the first line of defense against fraud.

For more than seven years, the Arizona Corporation Commission’s Securities Division has participated in the Facts on Saving and Investing Campaign, a national campaign sponsored by the North American Securities Administrators Association. It is a grassroots effort to educate the public about saving, investing and avoiding securities fraud. Securities regulators in nearly every state and Canadian province participate in the campaign.

This year’s Arizona Savings and Investment Month activities include presentations to high schools and civic groups, participation in a national investment forum as well as media activities to highlight the importance of saving and investing.

For more information, call Heather Murphy, Arizona Corporation Commission public information officer, at 602-542-0844 or Margie Wilson, investor education coordinator for the Securities Division, at 602-542-0428. A calendar of Savings and Investment Month activities is available at the Securities Division website at [www.ccsd.cc.state.az.us](http://www.ccsd.cc.state.az.us).

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(Text of Proclamation Follows)



Governor Hull's proclamation reads:

**WHEREAS**, saving and investing are essential to the financial stability of all Arizonans; and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's citizens should make well-informed, educated decisions about where and how they invest their personal income; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Corporation Commission's Securities Division seeks to heighten Arizona consumers' awareness of the basics of investing and the importance of investigating individual securities, and the companies and brokers who sell them, before investing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Corporation Commission's Securities Division will be encouraging and educating Arizonans to become better informed investors, and to save and invest to prepare toward retirement, along with the associated benefits and risks. In addition, presentations to students/citizens will be emphasized that include materials on making financial decisions, how financial markets work, and how students/citizens can guard against becoming victims of investment fraud and abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, it is everyone's responsibility to learn the facts of investing, especially with easy access to investment opportunities including global markets and investments through the internet; taking charge of their money; realizing the importance of saving towards their family's future; and understanding that it is never too late to invest; and

**WHEREAS**, during Savings and Investment Month, securities regulators, State and federal agencies, industry and consumer groups, the media, and the financial industry will join together to conduct educational events through the media and in communities and schools to illustrate the importance of personal financial ownership;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona do hereby proclaim April 2002 as

### **Arizona Savings and Investment Month**

throughout the State of Arizona and urge all citizens to observe this month in ways significant to its importance. Be it further resolved that the Arizona Corporation Commission's Securities Division will conduct activities to educate Arizonans on the importance of saving and investing during this month and throughout the year.