

State of Arizona



Legislative Proclamation

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY AND FUTURE OF THE USS ARIZONA

Whereas, the United States is a maritime nation, and the United States Navy serves as a steadfast guardian of America's security at sea, defending freedom, preserving economic prosperity, and ensuring the protection of vital maritime trade routes and ports; and

Whereas, the United States Navy plays a vital role in safeguarding Arizona's more than \$32 billion in annual exports, strengthening the State's economic security and connection to global markets; and

Whereas, the battleship *USS Arizona* (BB-39), resting at Pearl Harbor, remains a historic and sacred symbol of sacrifice, and her valiant crew hold a revered place in the hearts of Arizonans and all Americans; and

Whereas, the construction of the Virginia-Class fast attack submarine *USS Arizona* (SSN-803) in Groton, Connecticut marks the first naval vessel to bear the name "Arizona" since the sinking of BB-39 at Pearl Harbor; and

Whereas, *USS Arizona* (SSN-803), equipped with cutting-edge stealth capabilities and the Virginia Payload Module, will serve as a powerful and versatile asset within the United States Naval Fleet, advancing maritime security and strengthening national defense; and

Whereas, the USS Arizona Legacy Foundation was established to honor the legacy of *USS Arizona* (BB-39), to support the crew of *USS Arizona* (SSN 803), and to educate future generations about the enduring lessons of service, sacrifice, and civic responsibility; and

Whereas, the USS Arizona Legacy Foundation is committed to engaging citizens across the State in commemorating the historic christening, commissioning, and service of *USS Arizona* (SSN-803), while fostering meaningful connections between Arizona communities and the sailors who serve; and

Whereas, the citizens of Arizona proudly support the future *USS Arizona* (SSN-803) and participate in programs that deepen public understanding of the Navy's global mission and the importance of maritime strength to national and economic security; and

Therefore, I, Representative Quang Nguyen, invite the members of the Arizona House of Representatives, to extend a warm welcome to Commander Christian Olsen of the Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) Arizona (SSN-803) and his crew to the State of Arizona and to the Arizona House of Representatives.

We express our gratitude to the sailors of PCU Arizona for their service to our nation, and we recognize the USS Arizona Legacy Foundation for its ongoing dedication to preserving history, supporting the crew, and strengthening civic education and community engagement throughout the State of Arizona.

Dated this 17th day of March 2026

Representative Quang Nguyen
Legislative District 1