Office of the Governor

* CLAYTON KUHLES DAY *

WHEREAS, in April of 1942, Allied Forces began flying missions from India over the Himalayan Mountains to supply Chinese forces fighting the Japanese; and

WHEREAS, these resupply missions in the China-Burma-India (CBI) theater of operations were among the most dangerous of World War II, resulting in the loss of hundreds of aircraft and crew; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Kuhles has dedicated his time and resources to locate and document World War II aircraft and aircrews lost in the CBI theater; and

WHEREAS, to date, Clayton Kuhles has located 15 U.S. aircraft crash sites, accounting for 106 Missing in Action U.S. aircrew members, including the Williams Air Force based crew of the B-24J Liberator, nicknamed "Hot as Hell"; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Kuhles has since assisted surviving family members of the lost aircrews to successfully petition the United States Air Force for the recovery of the crew's remains.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 14, 2009 as

* CLAYTON KUHLES DAY *

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



DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fourteenth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-third. **ATTEST:**

Secretary of State

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