Executive Order 2007-16
Establishing the Arizona Uniform State Laws Commission

WHEREAS, Arizona has benefited greatly from the work of uniform laws commissions nationally and in state and has adopted no fewer than 90 laws drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; and

WHEREAS, uniformity is helpful and may even be essential in certain areas of the law to promote commerce, enhance legal certainty, and avoid unjust disparities; and

WHEREAS, states working together to craft uniform laws have helped to avoid federal intrusion and preemption in many areas that have traditionally been matters of state and local concern; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Arizona remain well advised on and participate in the development of uniform laws nationally; and

WHEREAS, the state's Uniform Laws Commission was de-funded and repealed as part of this year's budget; and

WHEREAS, despite such de-funding, the need for a uniform laws commission remains high; and

WHEREAS, through the outstanding community service of pro bono attorneys across the state, the state can continue to have a functioning uniform laws commission until such time as funding is restored by the Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Arizona Constitution and the laws of the State, hereby order as follows:

1. There is hereby re-established an Arizona Uniform State Laws Commission (the "Commission").

2. The Commission shall include four attorney members, each of whom shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor. In addition, any person who is an Arizona resident and a life member of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and who, prior to the person's election to life membership, served as an appointed member of the Arizona Commission on Uniform Laws, shall be eligible to serve on the Commission.

3. Terms of Commission members appointed by the Governor shall be for six years. Commission members shall not be compensated for their service, but, subject to availability of funds and at the discretion of the Governor, may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses to attend the annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

4. The Commission shall meet at the pleasure of its Chair, who shall be appointed by the Governor, or when called into session by the Governor.

5. The Governor may revoke the appointment of a Commission Member at any time for cause. Appointment to fill a vacancy created by causes other than the expiration of a term shall be for the duration of the unexpired term.

6. The Commission shall review efforts nationally to enact uniform laws and shall make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor regarding the appropriateness of enacting such uniform laws in Arizona and/or amending any uniform laws previously enacted by the state.

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

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this 24 day of July in the Year Two Thousand and Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE