Executive Order 2014-02

Sustainment of Arizona's Military Installations

WHEREAS, Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) § 26-261 outlines certain responsibilities and authorities for the Military Affairs Commission; and

WHEREAS, A.R.S. §§ 26-101 and 26-102, outline certain responsibilities and authorities for the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, under the authority of the Adjutant General, subject to powers vested in the Governor as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, significant organizational changes have occurred in the United States Department of Defense's (DoD) force structure and deployment of resources; and

WHEREAS, the diverse network of military installations located in Arizona provide the DoD with cost-effective training environments; high-quality research, test, and evaluation ranges, including the Barry M. Goldwater Range – one of the nation's largest and most valued training facilities; vital low-level and high-level military restricted airspace; and unparalleled access to excellent weather; and

WHEREAS, Arizona is uniquely positioned to continue to serve the DoD's long-term needs; and

WHEREAS, the sustainment of existing military installations in Arizona and the more than $9 billion in economic impact from those operations provides a stable foundation and key component of Arizona's economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, hereby order and direct the following:

1. The Military Affairs Commission shall meet as necessary to develop strategies and provide recommendations on issues impacting Arizona's military installations. The Commission's tasks shall include but not be limited to:

    a. Engage with chambers of commerce, local military affairs committees, and business leaders to leverage participation and contacts.

    b. Recommend executive, legislative, and federal actions necessary to sustain current military operations in Arizona and enhance the State's preparedness to respond to potential new missions.

    c. Recommend executive, legislative, and federal actions necessary to provide additional value to the DoD through Arizona's military installations and to prevent military installations from closure or downsizing.

    d. Determine the continued viability of Arizona's military installations, training routes, restricted airspace, ranges, or any areas under the jurisdiction of an active unit or of a reserve component of the DoD.

e. Identify any mission encroachment obstacles resulting from such items as urban growth, land use, and airspace restrictions.

f. Identify linkages between the various installations' existing mission functions and the highlighted critical national security objectives contained in the most recent Quadrennial Defense Review Report.

g. Determine what action the State could take to assist the installations in adopting new capabilities to obtain new or expanded missions.

h. Recommend any State actions to be undertaken at the federal level to demonstrate support for the existing military installations.

i. Develop, with the assistance and support of other State agencies, an independent estimate of the current economic and fiscal benefits of the key military operations located in Arizona.

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

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-eighth day of January in the Year Two Thousand Fourteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Thirty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

Ken Bennett
Secretary of State