WHEREAS, the Continental Army, known today as the United States Army, was formed by the Second Continental Congress on June 14th, 1775 to defend the original thirteen colonies to form what is now these United States of America;

WHEREAS, the United States Army has protected America in times of peace and in times of conflict to preserve the unalienable rights of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness for 244 years;

WHEREAS, the United States Army has served to defend the greatest country on earth at home and abroad in over 100 countries throughout the world in its history;

WHEREAS, these men and women who selflessly serve as the soldiers of the United States Army and their families make the greatest sacrifices for our freedom;

WHEREAS, Arizona is proud to be home to over 4,000 active duty Army soldiers, 3,000 Army Reserve members and 5,000 Army Guard members, and their families;

WHEREAS, today we celebrate in deep gratitude and great admiration, the unwavering strength, the dedication to service and the bravery of our Army soldiers, and observe June 14th as the birthday of the United States Army;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kimberly Yee, Treasurer of the State of Arizona do hereby recognize June 14, 2019, as the

244th BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

and urge Arizonans to recognize the sacrifices and service of current and veteran members of the United States Army.

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

Treasurer

DONE at the Office of the Arizona State Treasurer in Phoenix, Arizona on this fourteenth day of June in the year two thousand and nineteen.