

Janice K Brewer
Governor

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WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, gold was discovered by the Walker Party, led by Joseph R. Walker and some members who were from southern states as indicated in a loyalty oath to the union taken at Santa Fe before General James Carleton; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government was engaged in a costly Civil War and did not want the Confederacy to control this gold find and use it to further their cause; and

WHEREAS, Governor John Goodwin of Maine was appointed by President Abraham Lincoln to establish a government seat in the newly-formed Arizona territory; and

WHEREAS, after establishing a temporary camp at Del Rio Springs, government officials moved to a site near Granite Creek to be closer to the gold fields; and

WHEREAS, a meeting was held on May 30, 1854 at Manuel Gasario's store on Granite Creek where by act of those present, Arizona's first territorial capital was established and named after a popular historian and author, William Hickling Prescott; and

WHEREAS, Prescott is unique in the history of the United States in that it is the only territorial capital created where there was no town.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice K. Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby congratulate the Town of Prescott on its 150th Anniversary of its establishment in the great State of Arizona. Happy 150th Birthday!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand done at the Capitol in Phoenix on this fifth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen.

Janice K. Brewer
GOVERNOR