EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

Methamphetamine abuse has done grievous harm to Californians' lives. Alarmingly, since 2001, the number of admissions for methamphetamine addiction in our state has dramatically increased. Methamphetamine's effects on our residents' health and our statewide social services have been devastating. Not only has methamphetamine abuse been linked to the spread of HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted diseases to vulnerable populations, it has had a disproportionate impact on women of childbearing years.

Though the damage this type of addiction can inflict seems bleak and unending, there is hope. According to the recent evaluation of California's Proposition 36, individuals who have methamphetamine addictions succeed in treatment as well as those who have other substance addictions. This is a step forward; however, it is imperative that abuse prevention efforts in California are maintained and increased.

With this in mind, I approved a $10 million budget augmentation for a methamphetamine prevention education campaign in 2006. I have also approved an additional $6 million to the California Department of Justice's Methamphetamine Strategy Program where enforcement teams target drug trafficking organizations. In conjunction with the United States Department of Justice and local government, I hope to promote methamphetamine awareness and prevention measures to ensure our residents are safe from its dangers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2006 as "California Methamphetamine Awareness Day."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 30th day of November 2006.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

Bruce McPherson
SECRETARY OF STATE