

State of Arizona



Legislative Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM 2026 NCAA FINAL FOUR APPEARANCE

Whereas, the University of Arizona Men's Basketball team has demonstrated extraordinary skill, discipline, and perseverance throughout the 2025–2026 season; and

Whereas, under the leadership of Head Coach Tommy Lloyd, the Wildcats achieved a 36–3 record, capturing both the Big 12 Regular Season and Tournament championships; and

Whereas, through grit and determination, the team advanced through the NCAA Tournament, including a thrilling Elite Eight victory over Purdue, securing the program's first Final Four appearance in 25 years; and

Whereas, the Wildcats return to the Final Four continues a storied tradition established under legendary Head Coach Lute Olson, who led Arizona to its 1997 national championship in Indianapolis, connecting this year's team to one of the defining moments in program history; and

Whereas, the Wildcats success reflects the contributions of outstanding student-athletes, including Arizona native Koa Peat, a state champion and Arizona Mr. Basketball honoree, whose leadership and performance helped power the team's tournament run and earned him West Region Most Outstanding Player honors; and

Whereas, the Arizona Wildcats have brought together students, alumni, and fans across the globe, representing the University of Arizona and the State of Arizona in the pursuit of excellence and reinforcing the program's place among the nation's elite; and

Therefore, I, Steve B. Montenegro, Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives, invite members to join me in recognizing April 9, 2026, as:

ARIZONA WILDCATS DAY

throughout Arizona and encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating their achievement and the national recognition it brings to our state.

Bear Down and Go Cats!



Dated this 9th day of April 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve B. Montenegro".

Steve B. Montenegro
Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives
Legislative District 29