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## Governor Jan Brewer Announces Bid for Second Term

*Former Attorney General Grant Woods and Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation  
Mary Peters announced as Campaign Co-Chairs*

PHOENIX — Arizona Governor Jan Brewer today formally announced her candidacy for a second term as the Governor of the State of Arizona. Brewer, who took the helm as Governor last January in the midst of Arizona's record financial crisis, pledged to continue to make the tough choices and renewed her steadfast commitment to serving the people of Arizona.

"When I took office, I inherited a budget deficit created from years of overspending and living beyond our means. We have worked hard to start fixing this problem, and made some very tough, but necessary decisions," said Governor Brewer.

She said her decision to run for election next year is based on a simple philosophy. "I have always been a mother first and an elected official second and have made every decision to run for office based on whether I believed I could help people. I have never run for an office because I was looking to move on to some other office."

Governor Brewer also proudly announced two distinguished supporters as the co-chairs who will help lead her campaign committee: Former Attorney General Grant Woods and Former United States Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters.

Former Attorney General Grant Woods served as Arizona's chief law enforcement agent and prosecutor from 1991 to 1999. During his time in office, Arizona reinstated the death penalty in Arizona. Woods was known as a populist Attorney General and a staunch consumer protection advocate and was selected by his peers as the nation's top attorney general in 1995.

Woods said, "I have known Jan for a long time, and I can say that tough times call for a tough leader," explained Woods, "She understands that the budget isn't our only policy issue - there are going to be more tough decisions to make, and she has pledged that over the course of her term, she will address the big challenges such as healthcare including mental health, transportation, infrastructure, and protecting our environment."

Mary Peters, a fourth generation Arizonan, served as the United States Secretary of Transportation under President George W. Bush from 2006 to 2009. Prior to her appointment, Peters served as Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration from 2001 to 2005. She also headed the Arizona Department of Transportation from 1998 to 2001, where she started her career as an administrative assistant 16 years earlier. Throughout her career, Peters, has been a champion for more responsive and smaller government focused on delivering maximum value for taxpayers. She continues to be an advocate for solutions that engage both the public and private sector and shares Governor Brewer's passion for driving solutions intended to help people.

Peters said, "Governor Brewer understands that we must create a business friendly climate to attract high paying jobs and business investment in Arizona. As we prepare Arizona for the next 100 years of economic growth, not only will we need tax reform, but education reform, creating more opportunities and a highly skilled workforce. Jan Brewer is the best candidate to lead Arizona for the next four years."

Governor Brewer thanked Woods and Peters for their long-time service to the State of Arizona and the United States as well as for their willingness to serve as co-chairs in her bid for a second term. She also thanked all of her supporters for their already overwhelming response.

"There is still a lot of work to be done and it is clear to me to that this is the moment that I was born to serve. I am in this race to win and I expect great things for Arizona," said Governor Brewer, "I would be honored for your vote."

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“Great Things are Wanted to be Done”  
Statement by Gov. Jan Brewer  
November, 2009

Today, I am announcing my candidacy for a second term as the Governor of the State of Arizona.

I do so with great humility, because I understand what a great honor it is to serve the people of this blessed state. I also understand the great challenges that are still ahead of us.

My top priority as Governor continues to be building a better Arizona by advancing the profound legacy our state’s legendary public servants bestowed upon us -- people like Barry Goldwater, Carl Hayden, Bob Stump, Mo Udall, John Rhodes, and Sandra Day O’Connor.

I am proud to announce two longtime friends who qualify for mentioning in that same group of Arizona leaders -- Former Attorney General Grant Woods and Former Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters -- as the co-chairs of my campaign committee.

Mary Peters and Grant Woods are modern day leaders as broad and diverse as Arizona itself, who have always put the state’s interest above their own.

When I took office, I inherited a budget deficit created from years of overspending and living beyond our means.

We have worked hard to start fixing this problem, and we have already made \$1 billion in cuts -- the largest cuts in Arizona history.

Some of these cuts were not easy, but **TOUGH TIMES CALL FOR A TOUGH LEADER.**

We have made tough choices while making sure that we are offering education, public safety, and other services to those who need them most.

The budget isn't our only policy issue -- there are going to be more tough decisions to make.

I pledge that we are going to address all of the big challenges -- ranging from healthcare to transportation.

Strong economic development and jobs are the keys to building a better Arizona.

We must create a business climate to attract high wage jobs and investment. To prepare Arizona for the next 100 years of economic growth, not only will we need tax reform, but competitive education to provide a skilled workforce.

I am not running for a second term because I aspire to some other elected office. I want to remain Governor because I want to serve the PEOPLE OF ARIZONA. My campaign will be ABOUT PEOPLE – not POLITICS!

It is clear to me that we can't coast our way to prosperity.

There is no quick fix to our problems, and we have a responsibility to the citizens of Arizona to improve our state for future generations. And, if I have anything to say about it – WE WILL DO JUST THAT.

I am often asked who has been the greatest inspiration in my life -- and the answer is ... someone who was my mentor and my friend: She was my mother.

I know what it is like to be a single mom, struggling to make ends meet, while caring for your family.

I saw my mother do it, after my father died when I was 11. She had to earn a living.

So, she bought a small dress shop, and I worked in that store until the time she sold it when I was 20 years old.

It was, really, a classroom for me – where I learned the importance of hard work, responsibility, honesty and integrity.

I've had many jobs in my life, and I will tell you, being Governor of Arizona is the second greatest.

The first is being a wife and mother – and with that, making my mother proud of me.

I thank all of you for your support – the response has already been overwhelming – and together we will work to balance Arizona’s budget, while maintaining our quality of life.

On the road to the Continental Congress in 1774, John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail, that the road from Boston to Philadelphia was a long trek but that he would continue his journey because in Philadelphia (quote) “Great things are wanted to be done.” (end quote).

I believe I am the right person to finish the challenging tasks that are ahead of us.

And, yes, the race ahead of us will be a difficult one.

But, I intend to win it.

I intend to win it ... because ... great things are wanted to be done ... in Arizona.

Thank you. God bless you and your families, and may God continue to bless the great state of Arizona.