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STATEMENT

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STATEMENT BY ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS PRESIDENT ERNEST CALDERÓN REGARDING STATE BUDGET

“As we have from the start, we continue to stand with Governor Jan Brewer and her position on what's best for our state's budget and Arizona's future. She is showing strong, prudent leadership in standing firm that minimizing cuts to services, coupled with a temporary sales tax increase to bring in critical new revenue, are the right combination of actions needed to successfully lead our state out of this unprecedented fiscal crisis.

“All in our education community must stand with Governor Brewer and urge reasonable progress on budget issues. The governor's vision includes the right mix of cuts and new revenue to set Arizona on a path toward quality, affordable higher education, and long-term economic development success.

“I encourage all Arizonans to contact their legislators and implore them to support the budget vision of Governor Brewer—the only viable option that will guarantee the future sustainability and success of our higher education system.”

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The Arizona Board of Regents is committed to ensuring access for qualified residents of Arizona to undergraduate and graduate instruction; promoting the discovery, application, and dissemination of new knowledge; extending the benefits of university activities to Arizona's citizens outside the university; and maximizing the benefits derived from the state's investment in education. The Board consists of twelve members: eleven voting and one non-voting student regent. This includes the Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction as ex-officio members, each serving while they hold office, and two Student Regents. For more information visit www.azregents.edu or call Andrea Smiley at 602-229-2543 or 490-766-6553 or andrea.c.smiley@azregents.edu.