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## Best Wishes for Safe and Happy Fourth of July from ABOR President Eileen I. Klein

As we prepare to celebrate Independence Day, the Arizona Board of Regents joins all Arizonans in observing our nation's independence.

As we come together to celebrate at barbecues and ballgames, at fireworks and fairs and at parades and parks, it is timely to pause and reflect on the wisdom of the author of the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, who aptly articulated the importance of education,

"I think by far the most important bill in our whole code is that for the diffusion of knowledge among the people."

Jefferson wrote those words more than two centuries ago, but their meaning today is equally relevant. As the governing body of our state's three public universities, the Arizona Board of Regents is committed to ensuring broad university access to all Arizonans who have dreams of pursuing a higher-education degree.

Best wishes for a happy and safe Fourth of July!

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