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APRIL 18 DEADLINE DRAWS NEAR

The Arizona Department of Revenue (DOR) is reminding taxpayers that they have less than two weeks remaining until the April 18 filing deadline.

Taxpayers will have until Monday, April 18 to file their 2010 tax returns and pay any tax due because Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia, falls this year on Saturday April, 16. Because the holiday falls on a Saturday it is observed on Friday, April 15. By federal law, District of Columbia holidays impact federal tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do. When the due date of tax return falls on a holiday it is considered timely if filled on the next regularly scheduled business day, therefore, all taxpayers will have three extra days to file this year. Arizona statutes define legal holidays to include holidays determined by the United States Secretary of the Treasury for purposes of filing federal returns. Therefore, taxpayers also have until April 18 to file their Arizona income tax returns.

As of March 25, the DOR has received more than 1.6 million individual income tax returns, which is 58 percent of the 2.8 million returns expected this year. DOR has received about 5 percent more returns so far this year as it did at this time last year.

A few things to remember in filing returns:

- File electronically to get a faster refund. Each year DOR provides opportunities for taxpayers to file their Arizona Individual Income Tax return electronically at no cost to those who qualify. More information is available online at azdor.gov E-Services for Individual Taxpayers.
- If you cannot meet the April 18 deadline, file an extension, Arizona Form 204 to apply for an automatic six month extension to file. Your completed extension form must be filed by April 18, 2011.
- The six-month extension is only for filing a return; this is **not** a request for an extension to pay. To avoid an extension underpayment penalty you must pay at

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- If you file electronically, you can authorize an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) from your checking or savings account. If you have already filed your tax return and would like to Make a Payment, that option is available on our website at www.AZTaxes.gov. Most major credit cards are accepted as well as well as Visa or MasterCard branded debit card.

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