GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

## STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of September 2022 is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks 20th in the nation for deaths by suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, approximately 1,300 Arizonans died by suicide in 2020; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the second leading cause of death for Arizonans ages 10-34; and

WHEREAS, on average, one person in Arizona dies by suicide every six and a half hours; and

WHEREAS, several organizations, including Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, Arizona Department of Health Services, community organizations, universities, and other stakeholders, will work to educate Arizona citizens about available suicide prevention support services for teens and adults.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2022 as

## SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

and urge all citizens to join together as a community to learn to recognize the warning signs and how to respond if they suspect someone may be depressed, threatening suicide or suicidal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eighth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE