

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is a major public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action with over 1,419 deaths by suicide in Arizona alone and 47,511 deaths by suicide nationally with an estimated 1.38 million suicide attempts recorded during 2019 (AFSP.org, 2021); and

WHEREAS, the month of September 2021 is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Arizona ranks 13th in the nation for deaths by suicide; 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 seven hours; and

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

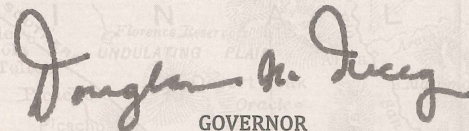
WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to help those who are contemplating suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 2021 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 Nineteenth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Sixth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

