

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of September 2017 is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month; and
WHEREAS, Arizona ranks 12th in the nation for deaths by suicide; and
WHEREAS, suicide is the 8th leading cause of death in Arizona; and
WHEREAS, 1,310 Arizonans died by suicide in 2016; and
WHEREAS, suicide is the first leading cause of death for Arizonans ages 10 to 14, and second leading cause of death for Arizonans ages 15 to 34; and
WHEREAS, on average, one person in Arizona dies by suicide every seven hours; and
WHEREAS, several organizations, including the Arizona Department of Health Services; AHCCCS; Department of Veteran Affairs; Arizona Coalition for Military Families; Arizona National Guard; TriWest; The Phoenix, Tucson and Prescott VA Hospitals; EMPACT La Frontera; Crisis Response Network; Aurora Behavioral Health; Rally Point; Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care; Health Choice Integrated Care; Cenpatico Integrated Care; Arizona Suicide Prevention Coalition; Teen Lifeline; Banner Health; Banner Health; Maricopa County Attorney's Office; GLSEN, Touchstone Behavioral Health; Terros/LGBT Consortium; and Tumbleweed/UMOM/SafePlace will work together 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 2017 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 you 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

Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-fifth day of August in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE