

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every year an estimated 5 million, or 1 in 10, older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation; experts believe that for every reported case, as many as 23.5 cases go unreported; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is an ever-increasing problem that crosses all socioeconomic boundaries with lasting physical, emotional, financial, and behavioral effects on victims and financial and moral costs for our communities; and

WHEREAS, older Arizonans are valued members of society and it is our collective responsibility to ensure they live in a safe environment free from abuse, neglect, or exploitation; and

WHEREAS, education to raise awareness on elder abuse, community outreach, and statewide engagement will help improve the quality of life for all older residents; and

WHEREAS, efforts to combat abuse, neglect, and exploitation support our elders' right to live independently and contribute to the vibrancy of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Arizona values its seniors and appreciates their contributions as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important members of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2017, as

ARIZONA ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY



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 twelfth day of June in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

Michele Reagan

SECRETARY OF STATE