STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are more than 1.5 million individuals living in 16,000 nursing homes and one million individuals living in 50,000 board and care/assisted living facilities in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the federal Nursing Home Reform Act of 1987 guarantees residents their individual rights in order to promote and maintain their dignity and autonomy; and

WHEREAS, all residents should be aware of their rights so they may be empowered to live with dignity and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, we wish to honor and celebrate these citizens, to recognize their rich individuality and reaffirm their right to vote and participate politically, including the right to have a say in their care; and

WHEREAS, individuals and groups across the country will be celebrating Residents' Rights Month with the theme – "Stand for Quality"– to emphasize the importance of standing for quality in all aspects of residents' experiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as

LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENTS' RIGHTS MONTH

in the State of Arizona, and encourage all citizens to join me in these important observances.



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

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this eighteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fourth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE