

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arizona is proud to be home to more than 1.3 million older Americans who embody wide-ranging diversity in both background and perspective; and

WHEREAS, by 2050 the number of Arizonans age 65 and older is expected to increase 174 percent, accounting for a projected 21 percent of the entire state population; and

WHEREAS, with increased longevity and the ability to be productive for more years of life Arizona's aging adults are an increasingly valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, older Arizonans should be cherished for their knowledge and commended for their contributions in building our communities; and

WHEREAS, older adults in Arizona are now, more than ever before, taking charge of their lives, striving for wellness, focusing on independence, and advocating for themselves and others; and

WHEREAS, Arizona can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of *all ages* by:

- involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our community;
- promoting home and community-based services that support independent living;
- encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others; and
- providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences.

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

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

and I urge residents to take time this month to recognize older adults and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.



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 first day of May 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