

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the United States, one in five Americans, or over 53 million individuals, are family caregivers providing informal and unpaid care in all socio-economic groups across the lifespan with 24 percent providing care to two or more care recipients; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, over 800,000 diverse family caregivers are providing informal care in all socio-economic groups across the lifespan totaling over \$9 billion in unpaid care; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, family caregivers include 62,433 grandparents raising their grandchildren and in the 219,263 homes where a relative is the head of the household. Family caregivers include kinship caregivers that are responsible for childhood development, financial security, educational success, and the well-being of children living with trauma; and

WHEREAS, worldwide, family caregivers continue caregiving in crisis during an ongoing pandemic and are challenged with safeguarding themselves, children, older adults, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with chronic conditions who are at-risk of complications or death if infected with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, family caregivers are a vital part of the discharge planning for complicated medical procedures and/or for individuals living with dementia or disabilities and life care planning process for older adults and navigating the complex family court and educational systems for children; and

WHEREAS, assisting Arizona's family caregivers with access to caregiver services and resources, respite care programs, and training will improve skills to enhance the likelihood of successfully aging in place with their loved one(s) and keeping children safely within their own families; and

WHEREAS, expanding partnerships to Arizona's public and private sectors to better equip businesses to continue to employ working family caregivers to help decrease the loss of productivity by exploring increased employer flexibility and access to caregiver resources; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is observed as a tribute to Arizona's family caregivers by honoring the selfless and countless hours of care they provide each day and for thanking them for continuing to care for vulnerable Arizonans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 2021 as

ARIZONA FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

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 November 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:

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE