

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, it is estimated that approximately 270,000 family caregivers provide 501 million hours of unpaid care to 150,000 people, aged 65 and older, living with Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, in Arizona, informal kinship caregivers include 62,433 grandparents raising their grandchildren and other relatives as head of household to 219,263 children; and

WHEREAS, research shows caregiving takes a significant emotional, physical, and financial toll; furthermore, the COVID-19 Pandemic destabilized support services and increased risks related to social isolation and loneliness; 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, the Family Caregiver Support Program within the Area Agencies on Aging provide intake and assessment for caregiver support services such as respite care while offering caregiver education, training, and support; 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 2022 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 nineteenth day of September in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE