

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, over 850,000 Arizona family caregivers provide critical care to individuals living with dementia, chronic disease conditions, and disabilities; older adults; and displaced children; and  
**WHEREAS**, family caregivers perform complex medical or nursing tasks, medication management, assistance with activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, dressing, walking, and toileting; and  
**WHEREAS**, Arizona's family caregivers provide more than \$14.5 billion of unpaid care annually; and  
**WHEREAS**, research shows caregiving responsibilities takes an emotional, physical, and financial toll that may affect the caregiver's quality of life and contributes to increased risk of heart disease, stroke, or death; and  
**WHEREAS**, the landmark 2022 National Strategies to Support Family Caregivers released by the Recognize, Assist, Include, Support, and Engage (RAISE) and Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (SGRG) Advisory Councils provide a framework for Arizona to support caregivers; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Department of Economic Security, Arizona Department of Health Services, Area Agencies on Aging and Arizona Caregiver Coalition will collaborate with other community partners to streamline referrals to caregiver services, programs, and resources; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Respite Network enables the Department of Economic Security and the Arizona Caregiver Coalition to identify gaps in respite care services across the state by working with over 70 organizations to offer alternate respite options; and  
**WHEREAS**, the month of November is observed as a tribute to Arizona's family caregivers by thanking them for selflessly providing unpaid care, at times in detriment to their own well-being, and for continuing to safeguard, advocate, and care for vulnerable Arizonans.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Katie Hobbs, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 2023 as,

## FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

I encourage all Arizonans to honor family caregivers by thanking them for being irreplaceable 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Katie Hobbs", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this nineteenth day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Eighth.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to be "Aditya Zaver", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE