

Douglas A. Ducey
Governor

Office of the Governor

*** ARIZONA FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH ***

WHEREAS, each year the month of November is set aside to pay tribute to Arizona's family caregivers by recognizing the value of the service they provide; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers are the unacknowledged backbone of our long-term care system by providing over \$9 billion each year in unpaid daily assistance to manage health and personal care, enabling their loved ones to stay in the home longer; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers greatly improve the quality of life for their loved ones, spending an average of 20 hours per week providing care, with many caring for their loved ones around the clock; and

WHEREAS, individuals engaged in family caregiving need support as they face challenges affecting their own health, finances, and job security; and

WHEREAS, it is important for family caregivers to take a respite from their caregiving role in order to recharge and reduce caregiver stress and health risk; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers can be found throughout Arizona and their efforts reflect family and community values at the highest levels; and

WHEREAS, family caregivers deserve our lasting gratitude and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as

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and call on all citizens throughout Arizona to acknowledge the invaluable contributions made by family caregivers during this special month and throughout the year.

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 October in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Fortieth.

ATTEST:

Michelle Reagan

Secretary of State